

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMAC,

FOR THE



Year Ending January 31,
1901.

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APPROPRIATIONS

For the Year Ending January 31, 1901.

Transportation of Scholars,	\$ 500
General School Purposes,	8,650
Highways,	2,000
Support of Poor,	2,600
Street Lights,	600
Public Library,	500
Interest,	250
Discount,	700
Town Officers,	1,600
Miscellaneous,	600
Memorial Day,	75
Fire Department,	1,800
Sidewalks and Crossings,	200
Macadamizing Main Street,	500
Railing on River Road at the Port,	300
Cutting down Sidewalks on Main Street,	300
Superintendent of Schools,	350
	\$21,525

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

EVERETT D. GEORGE, ALFRED M. COLBY,
RALPH H. SARGENT.

CLERK.

BAILEY SARGENT.

TREASURER.

DANIEL J. POORE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JOHN S. CLEMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

GILBERT G. DAVIS.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

JAMES T. LOCKE, BAILEY SARGENT,
FRANK F. PHILBRICK, ARTHUR W. CHASE.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ALEX OXLEY, Chief,
OLIVER W. JORDAN, CHARLES H. HUGHES.

CONSTABLES.

OLIVER W. JORDAN, PHILIP J. NEAL.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FRED E. SWEETSIR,	Term expires March 1901.
WILLARD B. KELLEY,	“ “ “ 1902.
THOMAS H. HOYT,	“ “ “ 1903.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SIMPSON A. McCONNELL,	Term expires March 1901.
GEORGE G. LARKIN,	“ “ “ 1901.
JAMES F. PEASE,	“ “ “ 1902.
CHARLES W. SAWYER,	“ “ “ 1902.
HERBERT O. DELANO,	“ “ “ 1903.
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,	“ “ “ 1903.

TRUSTEES LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

CHARLES A. LANCASTER,	Term expires March 1901.
GEORGE G. LARKIN,	“ “ “ 1902.
CHARLES E. ROWELL,	“ “ “ 1903.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD

AND BARK.

JOHN E. CURRIER,	BENJAMIN B. WOOD,
JOHN J. WOODMAN.	

FENCE VIEWERS.

CALVIN B. ROBINSON,	FRED H. G. CHASE.
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TREE WARDEN.

GEORGE G. LARKIN.

AUDITOR.

MILFORD EDWARDS.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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POLICE.

ATWOOD S. NIXON, Chief,
DANIEL C. BUNKER, THOMAS PARKIN, DANA
F. TIBBETTS, CHARLES S. BAILEY, Specials.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

CHARLES A. WALLACE.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

JAMES C. LIBBY, GEORGE F. MASON,
JOHN W. FOSTER.

FIRE WARDENS.

WALTER H. SARGENT, WILLARD B. KELLEY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

THOMAS STOYLE.

SCHOOL REPORT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

F. E. SWEETSIR, Chairman,	Term expires March 1901
WILLARD B. KELLEY, Secretary,	“ 1902
THOMAS H. HOYT,	“ 1903

J. G. MORRELL, SUPERINTENDENT.

TEACHERS.

EDWARD P. KELLEY, } CHARLES W. CUTTS, }	Principal High School
L. FRANCES TUCKER, } GRACE NEWHALL, }	First Assistant High School
HENRIETTA G. BENSON,	Second Assistant High School
BERTRAM D. BROWN, } ALFRED K. LOWE, }	Principal Centre First Grammar
ANNA P. DAY, } VIOLA STURGIS, } ANNA DODGE, }	Centre Second Grammar

LILLA M. PHELPS,	Centre Third Grammar
L. PEARL FRENCH,	Centre First Intermediate
MARY H. HEAD,	Prospect Street Second Intermediate.
ETTA H. COLBY,	Centre First Primary
MARY L. BROWN,	Prospect Street Second Primary
LOUISE C. BRACKETT,	} Middle Street Second Primary
ANNA DODGE,	
BLANCHE CUNNINGHAM,	
IDA M. BLAISDELL,	Port First Grammar
HATTIE A. BAXTER,	Port Primary
ABBIE L. CLEMENT,	Bear Hill
M. EVA ROBINSON,	Supervisor of Music
MAUD E. ROSE,	Supervyisor of Drawing

 TRUANT OFFICERS.

CHARLES P. BAKER,	PHILIP J. NEAL
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MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATES, 1900.

EDITH AMANDA COLMAN,	Scientific Course
SARA SOPHIA EVANS,	Scientific Course
GRACE MABEL MOSER,	Scientific Course
JAMES CHASE PEASE,	Scientific Course
HARRY EDGAR TREFETHEN,	Scientific Course
ETHEL NINA WALKER,	Scientific Course
HARRY BRADFORD GASSETT,	English Course
HARRY ALVIN PEASE,	English Course
ALLINE MORRIS SARGENT,	English Course

Twenty=fifth Annual Report of the School Committee.

We hereby submit the following annual report to the citizens of Merrimac :

We believe that during the past year our schools have maintained a high standard and in some respects perhaps better than ever before. Mr. Morrell has attended to his duties conscientiously and we believe has been of much benefit to our schools. To the few who believe that we could well do away with the services of a skilled superintendent as in years gone by, attention is called to Chap. 249, Sec. 1, of the public statutes, whereby a law has been passed which demands that all the public schools of Massachusetts shall be under a superintendent, and all small towns which in 1902 have not made a union with other town or towns will be joined together by the State for that purpose.

The duties of a Superintendent are :

I. GENERAL POWERS. It is the province of a Superintendent to manage and direct the work of instruction and training in the schools, and advise in all other matters which have any relation to such work.

II. SCHOOL BUILDINGS. In all work of construction and alteration of school buildings a superintendent shall advise in all matters which relate to the convenience of the school and health of the pupils.

III. SCHOOL EQUIPMENT. He shall advise as to the kind and quantity of furniture and furnishings needed for each school. He shall also recommend all the text books and reference books needed.

IV. COURSE OF STUDIES. He shall prepare and recommend to the board for adoption, a course of studies for the schools, and any changes which he shall deem from time to time advisable.

V. TEACHERS. The Superintendent shall recommend suitable persons for positions as teachers. He shall assign to all teachers elected by the board and recommend a transfer of teachers from one school to another whenever such a transfer will secure greater efficiency in the schools. He shall fill all vacancies occasioned by absence of teachers, and recommend to the board the suspension or dismissal of any teacher whenever it seems necessary for the good of the school.

VI. PUPILS. The superintendent shall arrange for the proper classification and promotion of pupils, with the sole object of placing each pupil at any time where he can do the most for himself. He shall pass judgment in case of suspended pupils and report the same to the school committee.

VII. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD. Opportunity shall be given the Superintendent at each regular meeting to make a report on the condition of the schools and to present recommendations for the Board's action on all school questions.

In the case of the High School we were confronted with the problem to house eighty pupils or more in a room already

over-crowded by sixty-three. At a special town meeting it was voted to appropriate \$3,000 to add a story to the Middle street school house to accommodate the High School pupils. For further information on this subject you are referred to the report of the Building Committee.

We believe this new arrangement will settle for many years the subject of a new High School building the need of which has been apparent to the School Committee for a long time. When the laboratory shall have been suitably fitted out, the chemistry and physics departments will be greatly benefitted. These two studies, to be taught to advantage, demand conveniences of room and apparatus, things that the Merrimac High School has never had before.

For matters relating to statistics, the special studies and various grades we would refer you to the reports of the Superintendent, Principal of High School and Teachers of Music and Drawing which are appended to this report.

No extended repairs have been made on any of the school buildings during the school year excepting on the Middle street school house, but some general repairs have been made on all of the buildings.

The appropriation for the alterations at the Middle Street school house was found to be too small for the reason that the state demanded a heating and ventilating apparatus which cost about fifteen hundred dollars, or nearly one half of the total appropriation for that purpose, and when estimates were made it was thought that the old heating apparatus could be used by adding to its capacity. By economy however, in various ways, your committee have been able to make this good from our resources so that the building committee have been able to pay all bills.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation for school purposes,	\$8,650 00	
“ for Superintendent,	350 00	
“ for Transportation,	500 00	
Received from dog tax,	102 84	
“ from Mass. school fund,	404 78	
“ from State, acct. of Supt.,	625 00	
“ from C. H. Tuckwell for apples at Port,	2 00	
		\$10,634 62

Expended,	\$9,879 22	
Spent on account of ventilating and heating of Middle St. school building,	755 40	
		\$10,634 62

After carefully considering the expenses for the coming year we recommend that the town appropriate for school purposes as follows :

For a District Superintendent,	\$ 375 00
Conveyance of pupils,	500 00
General school purposes,	8,650 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. SWEETSIR,	} School Committee.
WILLARD KELLEY,	
T. H. HOYT,	

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1901.

March 29,—Winter term closes.

April 8,—Spring term begins.

June 28,—Spring term closes.

Sept. 3,—Fall term begins.

Dec. 20,—Fall term closes.

Dec. 30,—Winter term commences.

LOWER SCHOOLS.

1901.

March 29,—Winter term closes.

April 8,—Spring term begins.

June 21,—Spring term closes.

Sept. 3,—Fall term begins.

Dec. 20,—Fall term closes.

1902.

January 6,—Winter term begins.

NOTE—No school on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day.

In accordance with the Regulation of the State Board of Education this Schedule is for
the Natural School Year, from September, 1899, to June, 1900.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Enrollment,	Average Membership,	Average Attendance,	Per Cent of Attendance,	Teachers' Salaries Per Month,	Length School In Weeks,
High,	Edward P. Kelley, Principal, L. Frances Tucker, 1st Asst., Henrietta G. Benson, 2d Asst.,	67	60.40	55.62	92.05	70.00	40
First Grammar,	Bernice E. Toombs, Bertram D. Brown,	51	40.01	36.80	91.97	40.00 45.00	38
Second Grammar,	Anna P. Day,	35	42.23	37.91	89.77	45.00	38
Third Grammar,	Lilla M. Phelps,	41	39.35	36.49	92.70	40.00	38
First Intermediate,	L. Pearl French,	30	29.12	27.72	95.02	40.00	38
Second Intermediate,	Mary H. Head,	41	36.16	34.30	94.57	40.00	38
First Primary,	Etta H. Colby,	32	31.00	28.88	93.16	40.00	38
Second Primary, Prospect St.,	Mary L. Brown,	31	26.00	23.00	88.46	35.00	38
Second Primary, Middle St.,	Louise C. Brackett,	34	29.55	27.33	92.48	40.00	38
First Grammar, Port,	Ida M. Blaisdell,	24	23.81	22.91	96.22	50.00	38
Primary, Port,	Hattie A. Baxter,	22	19.83	19.11	96.36	40.00	38
Bear Hill,	Abbie L. Clement,	15	11.84	11.12	93.92	35.00	38
	Totals,	423	389.30	361.17	92.77		

Schedule for Fall Term, ending December, 1900.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	Enrollment,	Average Membership,	Average Attendance,	Per Cent of Attendance,	Teachers' Salaries Per Month,	Length School In Weeks,
High,	Charles W. Cutts, Principal, Grace Newhall, 1st Asst., Henrietta G. Benson, 2d Asst.,	76	74.68	72.59	97.20	110.00	40
First Grammar, Second Grammar,	Alfred P. Lowe, Viola Sturgis, Anna Dodge, Lilla M. Phelps, L. Pearl French, Mary H. Head, Etta H. Colby, Mary L. Brown, Anna Dodge, Blanche Cunningham, Ida M. Blaisdell, Hattie A. Baxter, Abbie L. Clement,	42 39	39.88 38.75	36.17 36.97	90.70 95.42	45.00 35.00	38 38
Third Grammar, First Intermediate, Second Intermediate, First Primary, Second Primary, Prospect St., Second Primary, Middle St.,		30 38 31 25 29 33	30.00 36.62 29.29 23.81 25.25 30.75	28.39 34.92 26.96 22.74 24.00 27.25	94.63 95.35 92.05 95.55 95.05 88.62	40.00 40.00 40.00 40.00 40.00 35.00	38 38 38 38 38 38
First Grammar, Port, Primary, Port, Bear Hill,		23 24 21	22.55 23.25 16.33	19.21 22.30 14.80	85.19 95.91 90.63	45.00 40.00 35.00	38 38 38
	Totals,	411	391.16	366.30	93.62	625.00	

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. All teachers are required to see that these rules are faithfully observed.
2. Teachers are to be present in their respective school-rooms fifteen minutes before the hour of opening each session.
3. No teacher shall employ a substitute without permission from the Committee.
4. A record of each case of corporal punishment shall be made and reported monthly to the Superintendent.
5. Whenever the example of a pupil is injurious to the welfare of the school, the teacher may suspend such pupil from the school. In case of suspension, the teacher shall immediately notify the Committee and the parent, stating in writing the nature and cause of such suspension.
6. Promotions shall be made at the end of the summer term by examinations and the yearly average of the pupil. Promotions and partial promotions may be made at any time at the discretion of the teacher and superintendent. All such promotions shall receive the sanction of the Committee.
7. No person shall be permitted to enter a school for the purpose of promoting the sale of any article. Teachers shall not allow notices to be given; advertisements, circulars

or other printed matter to be distributed, or any like interference with the regular course of school work.

8. Teachers shall see that the school-rooms present a neat and orderly appearance at all times.

9. No pupil shall leave the school grounds during recess without permission of the teacher.

10. Books are loaned to the pupils on the following conditions: 1st. They are to be used carefully and not to be marked or defaced. 2d. They are not to be taken from the school-room without the consent of the teacher. 3d. If lost or injured, they are to be paid for by the pupil using them.

11. In case of absence or tardiness, every pupil shall furnish written evidence from parent or guardian to the teacher that such absence or tardiness was for sufficient cause.

12. Teachers shall see that school-rooms are thoroughly ventilated at the close of each session.

13. Teachers may take two days in each year for the purpose of visiting other schools.

14. Teachers shall require that the State Laws in regard to contagious diseases and vaccination are complied with.

15. No child under five years of age shall be permitted to enter the public schools. No pupil between the ages of five and seven, who has neither been a regular pupil in the public schools nor is qualified to do the work being done in the school for which he is an applicant, shall be permitted to enter such school after the second Monday of the fall term.

16. From the Public Statutes, chapter 496, section 19: No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for ser-

vices for the two weeks preceding the close of any single term until the registers, properly filled up and completed, are so returned.

IMPORTANT EXTRACTS FROM THE PUBLIC STATUTES.

CHAPTER 249, SECTION 1.

The school committee of each town or city in the Commonwealth may, and after July first in the year nineteen hundred and two shall, employ at the expense of the town or city a superintendent of schools, who under the direction and control of the committee shall have the care and supervision of the public schools: provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to dissolve existing unions for the employment of a superintendent, or to prevent towns from uniting for such employment under the provision of sections forty-four and forty-five of chapter forty-four of the Public Statutes, or sections six and seven of chapter four hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

CHAPTER 515, SECTION 2.

All children who shall present a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that they are unfit subjects for vaccination shall not be subject to the provisions of section nine of chapter forty-seven of the Public Statutes excluding unvaccinated children from public school.

FROM THE SIXTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION.

The right of a parent to send his child to a private school if he sees fit is indisputable. It is assured by statute and unquestioned by the people.

Obviously, however, two or three months' instruction in a private school should not be accepted as an equivalent of eight or ten months' instruction in a public school, or a two or three hours' session in one as an equivalent for a five or six hours' daily session in the other, or grossly irregular attendance upon the one as an equivalent for exemplary attendance upon the other. The State, therefore, has ordered—

I. That the attendance of children between the ages seven and fourteen upon private schools shall be for a like period of time as in the public school.

II. That the instruction of such children shall be for a like period of time.

III. That, what ever differences there may be in the subject studied, private schools shall teach such children the statutory branches, just as the public schools do.

THE DUTY OF THE TRUANT OFFICERS AS DEFINED BY THE
STATUTES.

I. It is his duty to inquire into all cases of habitual truancy and habitual absenteeism. It is not truancy and absenteeism from the public schools only, but from schools in general, whether public or private.

II. It is his duty to look after habitual school offenders, that is after those pupils under fourteen whose conduct renders them fit subjects for exclusion from school, and who, if not properly attended to, would have to go without that

schooling which by law they should receive. Such pupils are not necessarily public school offenders, but offenders at any school, public or private.

III. It is his duty to inquire into all cases of persons who, having the control of children required by law to attend school, fail to cause them to attend school. The school meant is any school to which the person in control of the child has a right to send him, and may therefore, be either a public school or a private one.

CHAPTER 494.—AN ACT TO REGULATE THE EMPLOYMENT
OF LABOR.

Section 1. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at any work before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Section 2. No child under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file and accessible to the truant officers of the town or city, and to the district police and inspectors of factories, an age and schooling certificate as hereinafter prescribed.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee,

Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my second report of the schools of Merrimac. The following statistics give the census of September, 1900, also the average membership, per cent. of attendance, etc., for the natural school year, ending in June, 1900.

Number of boys between the ages of 5 and 15, per census,	193	
Number of girls between the ages of 5 and 15, per census,	184	
		377
Increase from last year,	27	
Number of boys between the ages of 7 and 14, per census,	139	
Number of girls between the ages of 7 and 14, per census,	148	
		287
Increase from last year,	6	
Enrollment of pupils in elementary schools,	356	
Enrollment of pupils in the high school,	67	
		423

Average membership of high school,	60.40	
Average membership of elementary school,	328.90	
		389.30
Average attendance of high school,	55.60	
Average attendance of elementary schools,	305.57	
		361.17
Per cent. of attendance of high school,	92.05	
Per cent. of attendance of elementary schools,	92.88	
Per cent. of attendance for all schools,	92.77	

The percentage of attendance for all the schools of the state for the year ending June, 1899, was 92. The percentage of attendance of our schools for the year ending June, 1900, is 92.77. This is a little more than that for the state, but it should be considerably more. It will be seen from a comparison of the foregoing schedules that the percentage of attendance for the next school year promises to be much larger than it was for the last year. Then for the High School it was 92.05. For this year thus far it is 97.19, a very commendable showing. The percentage of attendance of the elementary schools for last year was 92.88. Thus far this year it is 93.62, which is also a gain.

The average cost, exclusive of repairing, altering, and erecting schoolhouses, for the schooling of each child in the state, based on the average membership, was \$26.31. For Merrimac, obtained from corresponding data, it was \$25.14. It must be remembered that the town expended \$312.50 for supervision, and at that time had received no reimbursement from the State; so the real cost per pupil is some less than that given above.

Several changes have been made during the past year,

yet but few of them are apparent. The most noticeable ones are the whitening and painting of most of the school rooms, and the removal of the High School to the Middle Street Building. The other changes are in the course of study. Of these I will speak later.

The removal of the High School to the Middle Street Building, for several reasons, has been productive of good results. The pupils of the High School are not in the same building with those of the elementary schools, excepting that one school of the two lowest grades occupies one of the rooms in the High School Building. While there may be some objection to this it is not great, because there is such a difference in the ages of the pupils of the two schools that they can be placed under entirely different governments without the question of partiality being raised.

When the High School was in the Center Building, the pupils were deprived of many liberties, usually enjoyed by high school pupils, because it was necessary to have such regulations as would apply to both the pupils of the high school and those of the elementary schools. By so doing the government was suitable for neither class of pupils. This difficulty has been overcome, and the government of each school is adapted to the condition of the pupils. Schools without proper government defeat their prime object, while those with good government contribute very largely to the making of good citizens.

The High School now has good accommodations with the exception of the sanitary department. This is demoralizing and unsatisfactory in every particular, and immediately should receive attention.

The present location is much preferable to the former one. The pupils, being removed from the attractions at the

Center, are more studious, and the work of the school is having a deeper influence.

For the past two years, the school has been adapting itself to the new course of study, made by Mr. Ferguson. This has been done as fast as the growth of the school would permit. While the course is unquestionably a good one, in my judgment, when it is fully adopted, the work will be found fully as complicated as three teachers can carry out.

Usually a change in teachers retards progress, yet it does not seem to be the case in the High School, notwithstanding that two of the three teachers are new ones. Miss Grace Newhall followed a very popular teacher and is filling a responsible position, yet she is giving good satisfaction. With the better facilities, the work in science under the instruction of Miss Benson promises to be better than it was last year. Mr. Cutts proves to be a man with whom the success of the High School can safely be intrusted. You are to be congratulated because of your choice.

In general the work in this school is active, and bids fair to raise the present standard. For details your attention is called to the report of the Principal, herewith submitted.

THE COURSE OF STUDY AND THE SCHOOLS.

The schools are working rapidly into well defined courses. The teachers patiently have worked along seemingly aimless paths. They have followed temporary courses of study, such as would best meet the condition of the particular school, and, at the same time, direct it towards the proposed course of study. In some cases they have taught very successfully, regardless of any suggestion, what they believed to be for the best interest of the pupils.

The course in literature and reading, inadequate as it was a year ago, was also, from a pedagogical standpoint, poorly arranged. This course, modified in several particulars is ready for publication. While it may differ from others in detail, I trust that it contains such material as will be most conducive to the development of the pupils' instinctive impulses, and that it is so arranged as to follow the psychological growth of the child.

In all grades, short poems and parts of long ones are memorized, and choice selections of poetry are studied and read. The fairy tales, fables and poetry constitute the literature of the primary grades.

Supplementary reading in geography and in nature study introduced in the second year, supplementary reading in history introduced in the fourth year, and longer stories and masterpieces of literature introduced in the fifth year, all are continued throughout the course. Mythology is discontinued with the sixth grade. For grades above the fourth, books are assigned for home reading.

There is no particular order in which the books assigned to any grade shall be read. Since pupils and even classes differ so much in their natural make up, the teacher, who knows the pupils best, is given much latitude in arranging the material prescribed for her grade. Not every class is expected to do all the assigned work, while some classes may be able to do even more than there is in the full course. All classes are advised to read the easiest selections first.

The object of this course is to bring before the pupil a little of the choicest literature in such a way and at such a time as to make it become a part of the natural growth of the child. Literature is a character builder, transforming in a

subtle way the earthy to the spiritual, and when a school neglects this study it defeats its noblest purpose.

I am pleased to announce that all the grades up to and including the sixth are following the prescribed course in reading and literature.

The first six grades both in history and geography, and the first four in nature work are following the prescribed courses. The first three grades are following a definite course in arithmetic. The next three are doing good work. The seventh grade, because of having been unfortunate in several ways, will have to make special effort in all branches. The eighth and ninth grades have worked hard this year, and if they continue to apply themselves, they will be able to do good work in the high school.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

The work in music during the past year under the supervision of Mrs. M. Eva Robinson has been productive of good results. Mrs. Robinson has a happy way of meeting her pupils and presenting her work. I consider her a successful teacher.

The work in drawing under the direction of Miss Maud Rose is steadily improving. The number of prizes that her pupils took at the Amesbury fair is significant of something. Miss Rose is trying to get the schools into a regular course, but here, as in other departments, the process must be steady growth and not a sudden transition.

Attention is called to the sub-joined reports of the special teachers of these two departments.

GENERAL NATURE OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

Since it is acknowledged by the highest authorities and has been many times proven by actual experiment that the

child beginning the systematic study of arithmetic in the eighth year will be just as far advanced at the age of ten as the child who begins the study at five, the general tendency of our course is to do, during the first three years of the school, less work in systematic arithmetic and more in the branches that are more comprehensible to the immature mind of the child.

We propose to devote the time and energy, hitherto worse than wasted in the study of arithmetic, to the study of literature, singing, drawing, writing, acquisition of disposition, character building, reading and nature study. Literature and singing, the essence of soul making, can be taught children from infancy, provided the process be by rote. Much of this work must be done in the first three grades. A fuller and more systematic study of all branches will be made as the development of the child will permit. How well this general principle is to be carried out depends to a large degree upon the superintendent and teachers.

LOCATION OF SCHOOLS.

Next fall the question of housing the schools again presents itself in the form of a problem, but perhaps time will solve it. The ninth grade will be small, but the eighth will be large. The two schools will have sixty or more pupils. This is too many for one teacher, even if they could be accommodated in one room.

The seventh and ninth grades, as far as numbers are concerned, would make the best combination, but it would be a most unhappy one. In this case we would have over fifty pupils, a number fully large enough.

The best arrangement would be for the first five grades to be in the Center building, the sixth and seventh grades in

the Prospect street building, and the eighth and ninth grades in the Middle street building. This would seem to make quite an expense, yet it does not when we consider what ought to be done, even if this proposed change should not be made.

There ought to be new furniture for the fifth grade. The furniture in the room of the first and second grades, Middle street building, is so large that the pupils when they are seated can not rest their feet on the floor. This furniture is large enough for the pupils of the fifth grade and should be used in their room. The furniture of the primary room in the building on Prospect street should be used for the third grade. These changes should be made from a financial standpoint, for primary grade furniture is not so expensive as that for the upper grades. Thus it is evident that the extra expense in making the above proposed arrangement would be small, while the advantages would be many.

BOOKS.

All the schools up to the sixth grade are well equipped with books. There should be one or two more sets of books of literature. Grades above the sixth are very well supplied with books of literature. Two or three more sets will make the course quite complete, but next year the sixth, seventh and eighth grades must have more geographies. The arithmetics in the grades above the fifth are in very poor condition, as are also many of the grammars.

There are a large number of books of information over which neither teachers nor pupils are very enthusiastic, yet these books can be used to quite an advantage.

After we once get a uniformity of books throughout the schools it will cost but little yearly to keep them in good con-

dition. Thus far we have not only been making good the general wear, but we have bought a very large number of new books, especially of literature of which two years ago there were very few.

I would recommend that, as soon as possible, a set of books be used exclusively by one school, then that school could be held responsible for their condition. At present there is a decided lack of care of books and supplies on the part of some of the pupils. In regard to this more vigorous action must be taken. Economy is an essential thing to be taught in our schools.

CONCLUSION.

I am happy to say that the use of tobacco is not so noticeable in our schools this year as it was last. No child who is a habitual user of tobacco should be allowed to practice the habit in the presence of other children.

The teachers are interested in their work and are especially anxious to make our schools better than they are elsewhere, and this they are going to do. Teachers' meetings are frequently held for the discussion of methods and other things. The information received from the monthly meetings of the Teachers' Association is valuable.

As far as I know harmony and the spirit of good will prevails with all who are interested in the schools, a condition which, when vigorous and active, must be productive of good results. In conclusion I thank the school committee, teachers, truant officers, citizens and especially the pupils for their hearty co-operation in the acquisition of good schools.

Respectfully,

J. G. MORRELL,

January 28, 1901.

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The work of the High school was carried on for the first thirteen weeks of the year under rather disadvantageous circumstances. It was necessary to hold its sessions for that time in Sargent Hall, while its new quarters in the Middle street building were being made ready. The facilities for conducting the work of the school during this time were much restricted. In spite of this, however, the school has made good progress, in the meanwhile, and is now in excellent condition.

An unusually large class entered this year, making the total membership of the school considerably larger than it has been heretofore. The average attendance has been good, and the general interest satisfactory.

The new building, furnishing very much more commodious and comfortable quarters, has already proved an inspiration to pupils and teachers. While it may not be all that might be desired, yet it so nearly meets all our demands both in respect to utility and comfort, that we may well be proud of it.

The course of study is, in general, well arranged. Possibly some of the work could be somewhat rearranged to the

advantage of the school. The work in History might be made to correlate a little better, and some time be saved for other work. It seems advisable, also, to otherwise simplify the course. The present arrangement calls for more recitation periods than can be provided for to the advantage of the school with the present number of teachers. The recitation periods are now too short to enable the teachers to obtain the most satisfactory results.

The three years' English course is intended to serve a commendable purpose, and so it does; but such a course is always more or less unsatisfactory because of the fact that advantage is so often taken of it by those who find the work of a four years' course rather more than they want to do. I am inclined to think, however, that its advantages outweigh the disadvantages attaching to it.

The Classical and Scientific courses give excellent general training for those who cannot pursue their studies beyond the High school, and they also give good preparation for technical schools. The College Preparatory course is arranged to give ample preparation for college.

It is a matter of satisfaction that the number of students taking these courses and planning to do graduate work in higher institutions is constantly increasing. This fact indicates a healthful sentiment on the part of pupils and parents and augers well for the future of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. CUTTS.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. James G. Morrell, Superintendent of Schools, Merrimac :

The work of the past year has not been unlike that of previous years.

I am pleased to note that the music has received careful attention and drill on the part of the teachers, and I have found the pupils responsive. I hope we may be able to do more individual work in the future. This gives courage and confidence to each pupil, and he becomes a more independent thinker and doer in music.

The course adopted for our schools seems particularly well graded. We must vary it somewhat as many of the rooms contain several grades; but the teachers have endeavored to keep all grades well up to the standard.

There are many ways in which music may be helpful to school life. The special teacher should, from careful study of the work in other branches, learn the particular objects sought from grade to grade, and as far as possible bring the music work into harmony with aims and methods pursued in the various subjects taught. When music is so taught that it correlates with other branches of the school curriculum, then will every broad-minded, whole-souled teacher (special or grade) feel it is not a practical possibility, but a necessity.

The following is an outline of work for the first three years in school :

GRADE I.

1. Tune. Present the major scale as a whole.

(a) How shall it be presented as a whole?

Take for example any animal or plant. If you are familiar with the parts contained in the whole, you know the relation to the whole. Each part of the body or plant has its function, each tone of the scale has its effect.

Teaching music is training the ear to effects. We teach tone relations by dictation, following the groups of numerals suggested in the "First series of charts." These effects should be so thoroughly established that they become as real objects to the child's mental eye.

(b) Next familiarize him with written signs of those things he knows so well. Give correct names to signs as they occur in the lessons, and children will incidentally become acquainted with them.

2. Breathing exercises.

3. Distinct articulation, purity and vitality of tone should be sought.

(a) Sing scale names 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.

(b) Sing pitch names c, d, e, f, etc.

(c) Sing syllables, alternating with *oo o a*, placing l-k or any of the consonants before them.

4. Plenty of good rote songs, encouraging pupils to express ideas that are suggested to their minds by the musical compositions studied.

Copy music for busy work.

5. Develop sense of rythm and tune; sing in any key ("First series of charts") "Normal Music Course."

Tests—To think tone relations.

To think measure.

To sing at sight.

GRADE II.

1. Observe suggestions made under "First Year."
2. Use the First Reader of the Normal Music Course.
3. Teach intervals by the Holt Method of Vocal Harmony.
4. Dictation and drill in rythms.
Rote songs and copy music.

GRADE III.

1. Observe "First Year's" suggestions.
2. Dictation and drill in tone relations and rythms.
3. Develop two voice work.
4. Ear tests.
5. Some mental preparation for chromatic work, during the last half of the year.
Rote songs.

Enthusiasm and love for music should be fostered in the school. We can do much toward making it a vital thing in the lives of our pupils.

"Music is to the mind, as air to the body."

After the music lesson the class returns to other studies invigorated and happy.

May the boys and girls of our public schools, as they grow to be men and women gratefully acknowledge

"What in music was, we used to dream
What it is, we dare, at least to know."

We would cordially invite the parents to visit us frequently. Your presence and suggestions act as incentives to teacher and pupil alike.

I express grateful acknowledgement to the Superintendent and Members of the School Board and associate teachers for your assistance and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. EVA ROBINSON.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendant of Schools of Merrimac :

The plan for the work in Drawing has been much the same as that of last year, but, great care has been taken to strengthen the points in which the children showed themselves to be weak. Clay modelling was introduced in the primary grades during the last term.

Originality, or at least, individuality, and accuracy have been striven for and the results show an advance in these directions.

The Committee has purchased four books which have proved helpful to the teachers in the study and teaching of the subject. We have had added to our supplies a good equipment in the line of paint boxes and also some new models which were much needed.

An exhibition of the work in drawing together with that in other subjects was held in the town hall the middle of June. It was well attended by the people of the town and much interest was shown in the work. The occasion proved an inspiration to both teachers and pupils:

A few sheets selected from those mounted for the June exhibition were shown at the Amesbury Fair and brought ten dollars in prizes to the children.

On account of the poor accommodations for the work in the High school, drawing was postponed until the new building was completed.

Respectfully,

MAUD H. ROSE,

Supervisor of Drawing.

Haverhill, Mass., January 17, 1901.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

To the School Committee of Merrimac :

I most respectfully submit the following report for the year ending January 31, 1901 :

Number of visits made,	17
Truants taken to school,	3

C. P. BAKER, Truant Officer.

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

Report of the Committee chosen at the Special
Town Meeting in July to remodel
the building.

Upon submitting our plans to the State Inspector of Public Buildings, we found that no plans would be approved by him unless they provided for an approved system of modern heating and ventilating, which we were told would cost from \$1,200 to \$2,000, or about one-half of the entire appropriation. We then conferred with the school committee, who thought that by doing without some things that were needed and exercising strict economy, they would be able to pay a part of the cost of the heating and ventilating apparatus required by law.

As the time was rapidly approaching when the building would be needed for school purposes, we did not deem it necessary nor advisable to spend more time and money in having another special town meeting called but closed the contracts and made the changes voted by the town.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

BUILDING.

Appropriated by the town,	\$3,000 00
Expended on building,	2,801 80
Leaving a balance of	198 20

HEATING AND VENTILATING.

Paid Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co.:	
Balance from building account,	\$198 20
School Committee paid on account of heating and ventilating,	755 40
Balance to be paid next year as per contract,	238 40
Fuller & Warren W. and V. Co's contract,	\$1,192 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. PEASE, }
E. D. GEORGE, } Committee.
T. H. HOYT, }

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS,
MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MERRIMAC, MASS., FEB. 1st, 1901.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of
Merrimac :

The Board of Engineers of the Merrimac Fire Department submit the following report for the year ending on the above date.

There have been six alarms during the year, one of which was for a fire just over the line in Newton, N. H., and was rung in by mistake. There have also been several forest fires, but they were successfully handled without any general alarm.

March 25, 1900. An alarm from Box 21 called the department to the residence of T. L. Goodwin, for fire which had started from a leak in a gasoline stove, used for heating the bath room. Prompt action on the part of the firemen with the aid of extinguishers, the flames were soon under control. Loss \$100, covered by insurance.

May 15, 1900. On the morning of this date the Department was called to East Main street where the farm buildings of Henry Oakes were totally destroyed. Owing to the fact that the fire had been burning some time when discovered, and the scarcity of water, the Department could do but little when they arrived at the scene of the fire. Loss on buildings and contents, \$5000. Insured for \$2500.

June 28, 1900. A slight blaze at the carriage factory of E. C. Hopkins on School street, called the Department to that place. The flames were extinguished with very little damage.

July 4, 1900. On the evening of July 4th the Department was called to a slight blaze in the rear of the Merrimac Plating Works. The fire was put out however by the use of chemicals and what might have been a serious conflagration averted.

September 5, 1900. About 3.30 o'clock an alarm was sent in for a fire on Bear Hill street at the residence of I. W. Peirce. The several companies responded promptly, but as the fire had considerable headway before an alarm was given, and the distance from the Central fire station was so great, the house was practically destroyed before a stream was put on the fire. The fire was soon under control although the department was very much hindered by lack of water. Loss on building and contents, \$800. Insured for \$700.

It will be seen by the above fire loss for the past year that in every instance the buildings destroyed were isolated, and owing to the weather conditions the past summer, which were very favorable for a serious fire, also to the fact that our main water supply was dangerously low, we consider the town as being very fortunate.

The fire apparatus consists of one steam fire engine, hose wagon, hook and ladder truck, hand engine and hose reel. These pieces of apparatus are all in good condition and in excellent working order, and equipped with all up-to-date appliances such as ladders, bars, axes, life lines, guns, life net, shovels, pails, lanterns, etc., etc.

We have also 1700 feet of Callahan double jacket cotton hose which has been in service little more than three years, and 1800 feet double jacket cotton hose, sixteen years old, which is in fairly good condition though not always reliable when coupled to the steamer. This not surprising when we consider that the average life of fire hose is ten years.

We have also five fire extinguishers. Three of these are of the Star pattern, which are simple in construction and have always proved reliable. The other two are of the Babcock make and were the first to be used in the department. The action of the acid and soda had corroded the threads on the caps to such an extent that when charged the contents worked through. This we thought a source of danger to the person using them. For this reason and the fact that they often proved unreliable, we decided to discard them and try two of the improved Standard machines, which we have now on trial and think favorable of adding to the department, as they are up-to-date in every particular.

With the exception of one to which we called attention in our last report, the reservoirs are in good condition.

While our fire alarm system has been kept in good working order the past year, still we are sorry to say it is not always worked right. If people persist in ringing an alarm regardless of the printed instructions which are on every box, we can not get the good results which the expense and labor would warrant. It is very important that an alarm should be

rung in properly as it very often saves valuable time. The following are the directions which we hope every one who has occasion to use them will carefully observe :

BOX No. 24

STOP! DON'T BE IN A RUSH.—Remember the man at the power station must understand you before he can blow the alarm.

DIRECTIONS HOW TO GIVE AN ALARM FROM THIS BOX.

First give the key a steady pressure for two or three seconds, *Long Ring!* This signal will be to attract attention. Wait until you receive a like signal from the power house.

Then proceed at once to ring Number 24 as follows: Press the key firmly two times, thus: *Ring! Ring!* Wait two or three seconds and then press the key four times, thus: *Ring! Ring! Ring! Ring!* Wait until the whistle blows and if it should not blow within a minute repeat the number of the box. No other signal will be noticed.

The present location of boxes are as follows :

SOUTH OF MAIN STREET.

12—Central Fire Station.

13—H., M. and A. Power House, East Main street.

14—F. B. Clement, residence, Pleasant street.

15—J. B. Judkins & Sons Co., factory, Main street.

NORTH OF MAIN STREET.

21—W. H. Boothroyd, residence, Church street.

23—J. E. Currier, residence, Church street.

24—A. Oxley, residence, Pine street.

25—B. B. Wood, residence, Grove street.

MERRIMACPORT.

- 31—Engine House, Pleasant street.
- 32—W. M. Chase, residence, Merrimac street.
- 34—Charles Hughes, residence, Merrimac street.

The department has been obliged to put in ten tons of Cannal coal the past year as we could not buy in any smaller quantites. This is very expensive as will be seen by referring to the incidentals, but as the department will get the benefit for five years to come, under ordinary circumstances, we feel it is money well invested.

Owing to this expense and an overdraft from last year on account of insurance, we have not been able to make the repairs on the Central fire station which we deem necessary. To make these repairs and maintain the department we recommend the sum of \$1800 be appropriated for the expenses of the Fire Department for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. OXLEY,	}	Board of Engineers.
OLIVER W. JORDAN,		
CHARLES H. HUGHES,		

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen—We herewith hand you the twenty-fifth annual report of the Board of Trustees, confident that you will find the Library in first class condition, and we think satisfactorily serving all the demands of the reading public.

During the year ending February 1st, 1901, there have been delivered 9844 volumes, averaging 105 on each opening day. The largest number given out in one day was 200. The following is the record by months: February 1900, 998; March, 1361; April, 997; May, 825; June, 726; July, 461; September, 678; October, 1054; November, 793; December, 1025; January 1901, 926.

As it may be of interest to know the class of books taken out we herewith give you the per cent. of subjects :

Fiction,	.79
General Works,	.05
Travels,	.02
Biography,	.02
Literature,	.02

Science,	.02	
History,	.02	
Sociology,	.01	
Useful Arts,	.01	
Fine Arts,	.01	
Philosophy,	.01	
Philology,	.01	
Religion,	.01	
		100

The per cent. of fiction taken from this Library is far lower than in most other places, most of which will average 82 to 85 per cent. and some as high as 88 per cent.

There has been added during the year a total of 110 volumes. Of these 91 were purchased by the Trustees, and 19 received from the Commonwealth and United States government.

Through the kindness of Congressman Hon. W. H. Moody, we receive daily the Congressional Record, when Congress is in session; also many valuable government books are sent us through his influence. Our thanks are again due to the Manager of the Budget for another year's file of that paper. These are annually bound and placed on the shelves of our Reference Room, and make an excellent record of town events and history.

We think the Reference Room is yearly more used and appreciated, containing as it does a large number of useful and costly volumes, from which information may be obtained on almost any subject.

We are confident that our Library stands second to none in any town of the size and in order that we may keep it up

to this standard we respectfully ask the citizens for the customary appropriation of \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. LARKIN,
S. A. McCONNELL,
JAMES F. PEASE,
CHAS. W. SAWYER,
GEO. O. GOODWIN,
H. O. DELANO,

Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ending March 1, 1901.

D. J. POORE, Treasurer, in account with the Merrimac
Public Library.

DR.

To balance from previous year,	\$ 2 33	
Received from Review of Reviews,	2 00	
Catalogues,	1 60	
Cards,	70	
Fines,	16 21	
Town appropriation,	500 00	
		\$ 522 84

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By paid for books and magazines,	\$ 170 32	
Librarian,	200 00	
Binding books,	34 87	
Fuel,	37 70	
Printing,	16 50	
Lighting,	10 88	
Oiling and varnishing floor,	4 50	
Furnace repairs,	3 23	
Cleaning and repairs,	5 10	
Express and freight,	3 85	
Sundry supplies,	15 39	
Cash on hand,	20 50	
		\$ 522 84

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

Merrimac, February 9, 1901.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Number of births returned,	42
Males,	20
Females,	22
Fathers native born,	27
Mothers “	22
Father and mother both native born,	18
“ “ foreign “	11

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded,	13
First marriage of groom,	8
“ “ bride,	10
Grooms native born,	13
Brides “	13
Average age of groom,	33 years
“ “ bride,	27 years, 11 months

DEATHS.

Number of deaths returned,	35
Males,	17
Females,	18
Average age,	45 years, 4 days.
Oldest person,	102 years, 10 months.
Under 5 years,	7
Males native born,	13
Females “	16
Of native parentage,	23
foreign “	7
mixed “	5

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed,	57
Males, 52	Females, 5

BAILEY SARGENT, Town Clerk.

JURY LIST.

List of names to be voted on for Jurors at the Annual

Town Meeting to be held Monday, March 4, 1901.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.
James W. Bailey,	Merrimac st.,	Carriage Painter
Lorenzo B. Blaisdell,	Merrimac st.,	Farmer
George B. Brown,	Main st.,	Painter
George W. Currier,	Main st.,	Carriage Woodworker
Alfred M. Colby,	High st.,	Carriage Manufacturer
Arthur W. Chase,	Merrimac st.,	Car'ge Manufacturer
Charles E. Drew,	Church st.,	Retired
William H. Emerson,	Bear Hill st.,	Teamster
George S. Freeman,	Summer st.,	Trimmer
D. Warren Gould,	Main st.,	Harnessmaker
William W. Gunnison,	Woodland st.,	Woodworker
T. Livingston Goodwin,	Church st.,	Merchant
Lawson W. Howe,	Forest st.,	Woodworker
Charles H. Hughes,	Merrimac st.,	Woodworker
Charles E. Hoyt,	Grove st.,	Painter
Luther M. Jackson,	Main st.,	Farmer
Willard B. Kelley,	Birch Meadow,	Farmer

George F. Kendrick,	Main st.,	Merchant
Edwin C. Little,	Main st.,	Farmer
James C. Libby,	Pleasant st.,	Carpenter
Daniel M. Means,	Grove st.,	Manufacturer
John J. Minahan,	Lincoln st.,	Blacksmith
George B. Patten,	Main st.,	Manufacturer
Walter H. Sargent,	Bear Hill,	Farmer
John Sheehan,	Adams st.,	Blacksmith
Ralph H. Sargent,	Main st.,	Ice Dealer
Edward P. Sargent,	Prospect st.,	Machinist
Willis H. Scott,	Forest st.,	Woodworker
George E. Ricker,	Main st.,	Trimmer
Charles A. Wallace,	Mechanics st.,	Farmer
Charles E. Williams,	Pleasant st., Port,	Woodworker
Richard R. Sorenson,	Main st.,	Clerk

SARGENT HALL.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen—The report of Sargent Hall is as follows :
 From January 31, 1900, to January 31, 1901, Sargent Hall
 has been opened 27 times.

Received for rent of hall,	\$108.00
Paid Town Treasurer,	\$108.00

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS PARKIN, Janitor.

POLICE REPORT.

To the Selectmen of Merrimac :

Gentlemen—I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending January 31, 1901.

Number of arrests,	16
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CHARGED AS FOLLOWS :

Assault,	1
Drunkenness,	9
Peddling unlawfully,	2
Disturbance of peace,	2
Insane,	2
—	16

CASES DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS :

Committed to jail under sentence,	1
Committed to jail in default of fine,	3
Probation,	3
Probation and paid fine,	1
Paid fine,	6
Committed to Danvers Insane Hospital,	2
—	16
Number of lodgers,	168

Respectfully submitted,

ATWOOD S. NIXON,

Chief of Police,

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Merrimac :

1900.

DR.

To balance on hand as per report,	\$ 105 57	
Cash from sale of locust posts,	1 00	
Cash from sale of locust posts,	1 20	
Cash from sale of locust posts,	1 30	
	<u> </u>	\$ 109 07

1900.

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April 23.	By Cash paid Theodore Grant, labor,	\$ 4 00	
	“ Ed Goodwin, labor,	4 00	
	“ P. Brady, labor,	10 00	
	“ T. Troughton, labor,	5 00	
	“ Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	55	
Sept. 10-20.	“ T. Grant, labor,	14 35	
Dec.	“ T. Troughton, labor,	4 00	
	“ Trimming shears,	2 00	
	“ T. Grant and Ransom,	2 25	
Jan. 1, 1901.	Deposited in First National Bank,	62 92	
		<u> </u>	\$ 109 07

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. LARKIN,	} Trustees.
CHAS. E. ROWELL,	
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,	

Merrimac, January 30, 1901.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Voters of
Merrimac :

An act to codify and amend the law relative to the preservation of trees :

ACTS OF 1899, CHAPTER 330.

Section 1. Every town shall at its annual meeting for the election of town officers elect a Tree Warden who shall serve for one year and until his successor is elected and qualified. He may appoint such number of Deputy Tree Wardens as he deems expedient and may at any time remove them from office. He and his deputies shall receive such compensation for their services as the town may determine. He shall have the care and control of all public shade trees in the town (except those under the jurisdiction of Park or State Road Commissions). He shall expend all funds appropriated for setting out and maintenance of such trees.

Through the kindness of Mr. Heath, the manager of the Budget, the above and other sections of this act were published in an issue last summer for the benefit of the public, and there is therefore no need of a reprint here. A copy of this act is posted in the Merrimac postoffice. This act was approved May 4, 1899.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1900, the town elected its first Tree Warden but made no appropriation for carrying on the work. As there were liable to be heavy

wind and ice storms during the year, Mr. G. G. Davis was appointed Deputy Tree Warden, with instructions to attend to all damaged trees caused by wind or ice and also to answer all calls from Telegraph and Telephone companies as to cutting and trimming trees during the absence of the Warden or in consultation with him.

All the calls on the Warden or his Deputy have been promptly answered. Also private individuals, and their wants adjusted. Permits were given to the Telegraph Co. to remove a few trees and also to trim some trees where it would not injure their looks; all of which was done by the company without expense to the town.

Several dead and dangerous trees were removed and quite a number trimmed where they were so low that they interfered with the tops of carriages. There are several large dead limbs on trees on School street that are or will be dangerous to pedestrians in a heavy wind.

Let it be remembered that all the trees in the public highway are shade trees by law, and are town property, and they should be trimmed and taken care of, and bushes cut and burned so that these shade trees shall not be burned and spoiled by people who burn bushes by the roadside. This work cannot be done too soon to save what trees are left, especially in outlying districts.

A large number of shade trees in the thickly settled portion of the town need trimming at once. Their low limbs run awry out straight into the street, and hang down in the way of carriages, umbrellas and hats. Their limbs are so thick that they can't grow up, so they grow down. They should have been trimmed long ago.

A year has nearly closed since this act was complied with, and as it is incumbent on the town to elect a tree war-

den at the coming town meeting, let us hope the town will see the wisdom of making an appropriation for the commencement of this important work and lose no more valuable time in getting started in beautifying our streets and roads. Let us be ahead in this 20th century in fine clean shady streets and roads. No large sum is needed. You cannot hire men without funds. An appeal was made to the selectmen last fall but they reported no funds available.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. LARKIN, Tree Warden.

Merrimac, January 30, 1901.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. D. George, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	\$215 00
A. M. Colby, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	125 00
R. H. Sargent, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	125 00
F. E. Sweetsir, chairman school committee,	55 00
W. B. Kelley, school committee,	50 00
T. H. Hoyt, school committee,	50 00
John S. Clement, collector of taxes for 1900,	300 00
W. C. Russell, collector of taxes, 1898 and 1899,	4 51
Atwood S. Nixon, chief police,	151 58
Bailey Sargent, town clerk,	50 00
Bailey Sargent, registrar of voters,	30 00
F. F. Philbrick, registrar of voters,	20 00
J. T. Locke, registrar of voters,	20 00
Milford Edwards, auditor,	25 00
D. C. Bunker, special police,	38 00
C. S. Bailey, special police,	5 50
D. F. Tibbetts, special police,	1 25
P. J. Neal, constable,	5 00
D. J. Poore, treasurer,	75 00

Thomas Parkin, janitor town hall, care of tramps and town clock,	\$ 102 50	
R. H. Sargent, teller, November election,	3 00	
T. L. Goodwin, teller, November election,	3 00	
C. B. Heath, teller, November and March,	6 00	
W. H. Scott, teller, November and March,	6 00	
C. E. Drew, teller, November and March,	6 00	
R. S. Bailey, teller, March election,	3 00	
C. A. Wallace, teller, November and March,	6 00	
C. A. Wallace, cattle inspector,	50 00	
F. X. Labrie, teller, November election,	3 00	
A. Wesley Colby, ballot clerk, November and March,	6 00	
G. B. Patten, ballot clerk, November,	3 00	
E. G. Bly, moderator, March,	5 00	
Arthur W. Chase, registrar of voters,	15 00	
Edward E. Tibbetts, teller, November election,	3 00	
		\$ 1,566 34
Unexpended,		58 66
		\$ 1,625 00
Appropriation,	\$ 1,600 00	
Due from state account cattle inspector,	25 00	
		\$ 1,625 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid D. J. Poore, treasurer,	\$ 500 00
Appropriation,	\$ 500 00

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT.

Support of Charles and Lydia Goodwin, (1-2 to Amesbury.)		
T. L. Goodwin, rent,	\$ 60 00	
E. W. Morse, wood,	2 00	
E. H. Preble & Co., coal,	19 50	
The Kempton Co., clothing,	2 75	
Titcomb Brothers, supplies,	19 83	
Preble Brothers, supplies,	82 90	
		\$ 186 98
Support of Caroline Johnson,		
George F. Colby, board,	228 00	
A. H. Peirce, medical attendance,	1 00	
		229 00
Support of Hannah Allison,		
R. A. Keene, supplies for hat,	1 25	
Edward Wyman, shoes, rubbers, repairs,	5 20	
Little & Co., supplies,	2 00	
H. A. Currier, board,	76 50	
		84 95
Support of Mrs. Otis Gray,		
T. Monroe Sargent, board,	104 00	
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	3 70	
		107 70
Support of Rebecca Jones,		
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	10 00	
Little & Co., supplies,	1 76	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	75	
S. A. McConnell, medicine,	87	
T. Monroe Sargent, board,	215 75	
		229 13

Support of Benjamin Whittier of Ipswich,		
T. Monroe Sargent, board,	\$ 54 25	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	9 00	
J. B. Heath & Son, burial expenses,	26 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	1 70	
G. G. Davis, transporting body to Rowley,	3 50	
		\$ 94 45
Support of Otis Currier and Wife,		
A. H. Peirce, medical attendance,	15 25	
Little & Co., supplies,	2 00	
Titcomb Brothers, supplies,	54 95	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	17 83	
E. H. Preble & Co., coal,	16 25	
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	95 78	
		202 06
Support of Mrs. W. B. Kendrick,		
W. C. Russell, moving,	3 25	
E. H. Preble & Co., coal,	15 75	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	2 10	
E. W. Morse, wood,	5 64	
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	31 39	
Titcomb Brothers, supplies,	18 15	
		76 28
Support of Alice Allison,		
Charles H. Jones, board two years to		
April 1, 1901,	200 00	
		200 00
Support of Ann Waining,		
A. P. Chaples, board,	104 00	
		104 00
Aid of Lyman Sargent,		
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	6 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	50	
The Kempton Co., clothing,	3 50	
O. A. Gorten, repairing shoes,	50	
Julia B. Heath, board,	66 00	
		76 50
Aid of Pluma Sheys,		
J. B. Heath & Son, burial expenses,	35 00	
		35 00

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Aid of Michael Burke and Wife,		
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	\$ 6 50	
E. Carvell, supplies and milk,	5 04	
W. B. Kelley, supplies and milk,	4 15	
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	2 50	
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	53 53	
		\$ 71 72
Aid of Moses Blotner and family, (state),		
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	3 43	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	34 00	
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	3 25	
Preble Brothers, supplies,	65	
		41 33
Aid of Lyman Davis of Haverhill,		
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	3 25	
Titcomb Brothers, supplies,	23	
Z. Lovell, supplies,	21 46	
		24 94
Aid of George Jenkins' family,		
A. H. Peirce. vacinating children,	2 50	
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	2 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	1 10	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	40 00	
		45 60
Aid of Ed. Grant,		
Mrs. William Rogers, nursing,	45 00	
		45 00
Aid of George and Susan Sargent,		
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	3 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, wood,	4 00	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	62 64	
		69 64
Aid of A. M. Webster and family,		
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	118 50	
		118 50
Aid of R. E. Farrar,		
Preble Bros., supplies,	2 85	
		2 85

Aid of Mrs. John Jenkins,		
Preble Bros., supplies,	\$ 12 38	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	2 50	
		\$ 14 88
Aid of H. A. Geoffry,		
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance to chil-		
dren,	42 00	
		42 00
Aid of Etta C. Heyward of Haverhill,		
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	18 90	
		18 90
Aid of Michael Doyle,		
Overseers of the Poor, Boston, board at		
hospital two weeks,	15 00	
		15 00
Aid of Susan Hunt,		
J. B. Heath & Son, burial expenses,	35 00	
		35 00
Support of Patients in Insane Asylum,		
Frank Tremblay,	169 45	
Adeline Lawson,	169 47	
Chauncey Knowlton,	169 47	
William Carr,	169 47	
Samuel S. Tuckwell,	123 51	
Jeremiah Mahoney,	217 74	
Mrs. Charles Bailey,	65 46	
		1,084 57
		\$ 3,255 98
Appropriation,	\$ 2,600 00	
Due from State cities and towns,	457 36	
Received from R. E. Farrar,	2 85	
Due from Michael Doyle,	15 00	
Overdrawn,	180 77	
		\$ 3,255 98

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

T. L. Goodwin, gravel,	\$ 10 68	
W. C. Russell, expressage,	1 50	
American Express Co., expressage,	15	
Good Road Machine Co., parts for road machine,	10 55	
Bion Green, freight on car of tile,	46 80	
Bion Green, freight on supplies for snow plough,	1 21	
Waldo Brothers, car of tile,	83 12	
E. P. Sargent, labor and stock for tools,	5 98	
Taylor & Goodwin, cement,	8 75	
Hanscom Bros., supplies,	11 83	
J. E. Currier, sewer pipes, grates, lumber and gravel,	101 01	
Merrimac Wheel and Gear Co., stock,	50	
W. W. Lydston, spade and hasp,	90	
C. A. Stevens, labor,	15 00	
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	5 86	
F. C. Williams, labor on tools and road machine,	3 00	
I. H. Pendergast, hauling tile and plank,	2 75	
Story & Co., telephoning,	2 60	
James Flynn, Clerk of Engine Co., firemen flush- ing sewers,	23 34	
		\$ 335 53

PAY ROLL FOR APRIL.

G. G. Davis, 150 hours at .22 1-2,	\$ 33 75
G. G. Davis, single team 163 hours at .10,	16 30
G. G. Davis, horse 70 hours at .10,	7 00
B. B. Wood and team, 30 hours at .40,	12 00

L. D. Kennett, 5 1-2 hours at .20,	\$ 1 10	
J. M. Evans, 90 hours at .20,	18 00	
J. D. Jones, 59 1-2 hours at .20,	11 90	
A. B. Coombs, 115 1-2 hours at .20,	23 10	
T. Grant, 55 hours at .20,	11 00	
P. Brady, 2 1-2 hours at .20,	50	
Fred Cate, 5 hours at .20,	1 00	
Ed Morse, 33 1-2 hours at .20,	6 70	
W. Veal, 50 hours at .20,	10 00	
W. H. Emerson and team, 178 1-2 hours at .40,	71 40	
E. F. Goodwin, 150 hours at .20,	30 00	
John Fitzgerald, 115 hours at .20,	23 00	
R. H. Sargent and team, 137 1-2 hours at .40,	55 00	
M. Connor, 34 hours at .20,	6 80	
D. C. Bunker, 186 hours at .20,	37 20	
		\$ 375 75

PAY ROLL FOR MAY.

G. G. Davis, 104 hours at .22 1-2,	\$ 23 40	
Single team, 54 hours at .10,	5 40	
Horse 53 hours at .10,	5 30	
L. B. Blaisdell and team, 74 hours at .40,	29 60	
M. Bailey, 11 1-2 hours at .20,	2 30	
M. Cahill, 20 hours at .20,	4 00	
John Cahill, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
M. Connor, 5 hours at .20,	1 00	
W. W. Sargent, 20 hours at .20,	4 00	
W. H. Emerson, 14 hours at .20,	2 80	
W. H. Emerson and team, 46 hours at .40,	18 40	
D. Morrison, 61 hours at .20,	12 20	
J. D. Jones, 62 hours at .20,	12 40	
A. W. Coombs, 45 hours at .20,	9 00	
E. F. Goodwin, 101 1-2 hours at .20,	20 30	
John Fitzgerald, 51 hours at .20,	10 20	
D. C. Bunker, 128 hours at .20,	25 60	
J. M. Evans, 53 1-2 hours at .20,	10 70	
T. Grant, 79 hours at .20,	15 80	
R. H. Sargent and team, 155 hours at .40,	62 00	
		\$ 276 40

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PAY ROLL FOR JUNE.

G. G. Davis, 144 hours at .22 1-2	\$ 32 40	
Single team, 128 hours at .10,	12 80	
Horse 21 hours at .10,	2 10	
John Fitzgerald, 95 hours at .20,	19 00	
T. Grant, 40 hours at .20,	8 00	
D. C. Bunker, 118 1-2 hours at .20,	23 70	
E. F. Goodwin, 140 hours at .20,	28 00	
A. H. Coombs, 141 1-4 hours at .20,	28 25	
M. Bailey, 5 hours at .20,	1 00	
C. B. Martin, 3 hours at .20,	60	
R. H. Sargent, 10 hours at .20	2 00	
M. Connor, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
L. B. Blaisdell and team, 5 hours at .40	2 00	
W. Sargent, 5 hours at .20,	1 00	
J. D. Jones, 12 1-2 hours at .20,	2 50	
J. M. Evans, 35 hours at .20,	7 00	
		\$ 172 35

PAY ROLL FOR JULY.

G. G. Davis, 60 hours at .22 1-2,	13 50	
Single team, 82 1-2 hours at .10,	8 25	
W. Veal, 3 hours at .20,	60	
P. J. Neal, 11 hours at .20,	2 20	
J. D. Jones, 12 hours at .20,	2 40	
R. Farrar, 5 hours at .20,	1 00	
J. M. Evans, 49 hours at .20,	9 80	
John Parker, 19 1-2 hours at .20,	3 90	
A. H. Coombs, 54 3-4 hours at .20,	10 95	
John Fitzgerald, 30 hours at .20,	6 00	
F. C. Williams, repairing road machine,	6 65	
		\$ 65 25

PAY ROLL FOR AUGUST.

G. G. Davis, 136 hours at .22 1-2,	30 60
Single team, 109 hours at .10,	10 90
Horse, 16 hours at .10	1 60
J. Doonan, 64 hours at .20,	12 80

John Fitzgerald, 140 hours at .20,	\$ 28 00	
A. H. Coombs, 143 hours at .20,	28 60	
L. Y. Stevens, 48 hours at .20,	9 60	
M. Bailey, 28 hours at .20,	5 60	
J. D. Jones, 79 hours at .20,	15 80	
D. C. Bunker, 143 hours at .20,	28 60	
J. M. Evans, 40 1-2 hours at .20,	8 10	
M. Travers, 1 hour,	20	
W. H. Emerson and team, 36 1-2 hours at .40,	14 60	
R. H. Sargent, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
E. C. Little and team, 45 hours at .40,	18 00	
L. B. Blaisdell and team, 25 hours at .40,	10 00	
		\$ 225 00

PAY ROLL FOR SEPTEMBER.

G. G. Davis, 100 hours at .22 1-2,	22 50	
Single team, 112 1-2 at .10,	11 25	
Horse 13 hours at .10,	1 30	
L. Y. Stevens, 32 hours at .20,	6 40	
J. M. Evans, 13 1-2 hours at .20,	2 70	
D. C. Bunker, 95 hours at .20,	19 00	
A. H. Coombs, 120 1-2 hours at .20,	24 10	
John Fitzgerald 107 hours at .20,	21 40	
L. B. Blaisdell and team, 2 1-2 hours at .40,	1 00	
M. Bailey, 13 hours at .20,	2 60	
J. D. Jones, 16 1-2 hours at .20,	3 30	
L. B. Blaisdell, 27 loads of gravel at .10	2 70	
Wm. M. Merrill, 57 loads of gravel at .10,	5 70	
G. G. Davis, team to Haverhill and hauling cement,	2 00	
		\$ 125 95

PAY ROLL FOR OCTOBER.

G. G. Davis, 118 hours at .22 1-2,	26 55	
Single team, 136 hours at .10,	13 60	
John Fitzgerald, 155 hours at .20,	31 00	
D. C. Bunker, 109 hours at .20,	21 80	
W. J. Hailey, 98 hours at .20,	19 60	
R. H. Sargent and team, 5 hours at .40,	2 00	

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W. Thompson and team, 7 1-2 hours at .40,	\$ 3 00	
J. D. Jones, 21 hours at .20,	4 20	
J. J. Woodman, 5 hours at .20,	1 00	
L. B. Blaisdell and team, 10 hours at .40,	4 00	
L. Y. Stevens, 67 1-2 hours at .20,	13 50	
Charles Bailey, 20 hours at .20,	4 00	
R. H. Sargent, 9 hours at .20,	1 80	
C. E. Cobb, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
		\$ 148 05

PAY ROLL FOR NOVEMBER.

G. G. Davis, 88 hours at .22 1-2,	19 80	
Single team, 74 1-2 hours at .10,	7 45	
D. C. Bunker, 55 hours at .20,	11 00	
John Fitzgerald, 49 1-2 hours at .20,	9 90	
W. J. Hailey, 15 1-2 hours at .20,	3 10	
John W. Currier, 14 hours at .20,	2 80	
J. D. Jones, 36 1-2 hours at .20,	7 30	
J. M. Evans, 50 1-2 hours at .20,	10 10	
L. Y. Stevens, 52 1-2 hours at .20,	10 50	
M. Bailey, 12 hours at .20,	2 40	
L. B. Blaisdell and team, 12 hours at .40,	4 80	
R. H. Sargent and team. 5 hours at .40,	2 00	
W. W. Gormley stock and labor,	5 85	
		\$ 97 00

PAY ROLL FOR DECEMBER.

G. G. Davis, 40 hours at .22 1-2,	9 00	
Single team, 23 hours at .10,	2 30	
D. C. Bunker, 44 1-2 hours at .20,	8 90	
John Fitzgerald, 7 hours at .20,	1 40	
John M. Evans, 17 hours at .20,	3 40	
L. Y. Stevens, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
		\$ 27 00

MILL STREET BRIDGE.

G. G. Davis, 6 hours at .22 1-2,	1 35	
Single team and hauling cement from Haverhill,	1 70	
John Fitzgerald, 65 hours at .20,	13 00	
A. H. Coombs, 27 1-2 hours at .20,	5 50	
D. D. Chase, 3 casks cement for butment,	8 70	

Bion Green, freight on iron beams,	\$ 7 35	
Pheonix Iron Co., iron beams,	41 64	
J. E. Currier, plank,	21 16	
		\$ 100 40
		\$ 1,948 68
Unexpended,		60 14
		\$ 2,008 82
Appropriation,	\$ 2,000 00	
Due from Citizens Street Railway,	8 82	
		\$ 2,008 82

SNOW AND WASHOUT.

G. G. Davis, 40 hours at .22 1-2,	\$ 9 00
Single team 20 hours at .12 1-2,	2 50
Horse 19 hours at .10,	1 90
John Fitzgerald, 20 hours, at .17 1-2,	3 50
F. S. Heath, 6 hours, "	1 05
J. W. Colby, 10 hours, "	1 75
J. C. Parker, 3 hours, "	52
E. F. Goodwin, 30 hours, "	5 25
James Foster, 10 hours, "	1 75
C. A. Stevens, 12 hours, "	2 10
Frank Bailey, 6 hours, "	1 05
John Cahill, 30 hours, "	5 25
Geo. Kittredge, 32 hours, "	5 60
M. Connor, 17 hours, "	2 98
J. D. Jones, 30 hours, "	5 25
D. C. Bunker, 40 hours, "	7 00
George L. Heath, 10 1-2 hours, "	1 84

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T. Grant, 7 hours,	at .17 1-2,	\$ 1 22
John Woodman, 7 hours,	"	1 22
J. Barlow, 6 1-2 hours,	"	1 14
C. Martin, 12 hours,	"	2 10
Nicol, 3 1-2 hours,	"	61
E. Carvell, 4 hours,	"	70
W. Veal, 1 hour,	"	18
W. H. Emerson and team, (Sidewalks) 15 hours		
at .40,		6 00
3 hours at .30,		90
11 hours at .40,		4 40
Hauling sand, 20 1-2 hours at .40,		8 20
Sanding sidewalks, 13 hours at .17 1-2,		2 27
E. C. Emerson, 5 hours at .17 1-2,		88
L. Y. Stevens, 1 1-2 hours at .17 1-2,		26
I. H. Pendergast and team, 1 1-4 hours at .40,		50
C. Carter, 3 hours at .17 1-2,		52
L. B. Blaisdell and team, (Sidewalks) 29 hours		
at .40,		11 60
R. H. Sargent and team, 14 hours at .40,		5 60
M. Cahill, 16 hours,	at .17 1-2,	2 80
D. Morrison, 5 1-2 hours,	"	96
Kennett, 1 1-2 hours,	"	26
F. H. Chase, 11 1-2 hours,	"	2 01
J. M. Evans, 5 1-2 hours,	"	96
Harvey Hughes, 5 hours,	"	88
I. M. Gould, 3 1-2 hours,	"	61
R. H. Sargent and team, (Sidewalks) 4 hours		
at .40,		1 60
G. G. Davis, 89 hours at .22 1-2,		20 03
Single team, 32 hours at .12 1-2,		4 00
Horse, 27 hours at .10,		2 70
L. D. Goddard and team, 53 hours at .40,		21 20
Henry Gilday, 27 hours,	at .17 1-2,	4 73
John Fitzgerald, 44 hours,	"	7 70
E. F. Goodwin, 50 hours,	"	8 75
J. W. Colby, 7 hours,	"	1 23
Team, 5 hours at .12 1-2,		62

James Foster, 10 hours at .17 1-2,	\$ 1 75	
Team, 5 hours at .12 1-2,	62	
B. B. Wood and team, 17 1-2 hours at .40,	7 00	
Moving stone,	1 50	
John Cahill, 70 hours, at .17 1-2,	12 25	
George Mason, 3 1-2 hours, "	61	
P. J. Neal, 2 1-2 hours, "	44	
George Kittredge, 60 hours, "	10 50	
W. H. Emerson and team, 33 1-2 hours at .40,	13 40	
Martin Cahill, 30 hours at .17 1-2,	5 25	
J. M. Evans, 5 hours at .17 1-2,	88	
Frank Anderson, repairing tools,	55	
D. C. Bunker, 96 hours, at .17 1-2, *	16 80	
J. D. Jones, 36 hours, "	6 30	
Kennett, 5 hours, *	88	
		\$ 266 36
No appropriation.		

SIDEWALKS.

A. H. Saltmarsh, concreting,	\$ 256 93
A. H. Saltmarsh, concreting,	12 90

MAY PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 20 hours at .22 1-2,	\$ 4 50
Single team, 20 hours at .10	2 00
R. H. Sargent and team, 22 1-2 hours at .40,	9 00
T. Grant, 35 hours at .20,	7 00
E. C. Little, 7 1-2 hours at .20,	1 50
Team, 10 hours at .40,	4 00
D. C. Bunker, 40 hours at .20,	8 00
John Fitzgerald, 35 hours at .20,	7 00

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E. F. Goodwin, 20 hours at .20,	\$ 4 00	
A. H. Coombs, 10 1-2 hours at .20,	2 10	
J. D. Jones, 20 hours at .20	4 00	
W. W. Sargent, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
		\$ 324 93
Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Received from E. H. Sargent Heirs,	13 75	
Received from Helen A. Batchelder,	14 25	
Received from W. O. Smiley,	12 50	
Due from Mrs. Alfred Nichols,	16 50	
Received from Frederick Nichols,	14 00	
Received from E. B. Sargent,	16 50	
Received from Arthur H. Nichols,	21 38	
Overdrawn,	16 05	
		\$ 324 93

CUTTING DOWN MAIN STREET SIDEWALKS.

A. H. Saltmarsh, concreting,	\$ 108 72
F. H. Cate, laying brick on Gunnison sidewalk,	22 90
P. H. Connor, brick,	21 00

PAY ROLL FOR APRIL.

G. G. Davis, 18 hours at .22 1-2,	\$ 4 05	
Horse and cart, 34 hours at .10,	3 40	
C. A. Stevens, 35 hours at .20,	7 00	
W. H. Emerson and team, 10 hours at .40,	4 00	
John Fitzgerald, 55 hours at .20,	11 00	
E. F. Goodwin, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
M. Connor, 25 hours at .20,	5 00	
B. B. Wood and team, 3 hours at .40,	1 20	
A. H. Coombs, 32 hours at .20,	6 40	
J. M. Evans, 28 hours at .20,	5 60	
		\$ 49 65

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PAY ROLL FOR MAY.

G. G. Davis, 80 hours at .22 1-2,	\$ 18 00	
Horse and cart, 110 hours at .10,	11 00	
John Fitzgerald, 127 hours at .20,	25 40	
T. Grant, 110 hours at .20,	22 00	
J. M. Evans, 7 hours at .20,	1 40	
D. C. Bunker, 80 hours at .20,	16 00	
E. F. Goodwin, 82 hours at .20,	16 40	
A. H. Coombs, 100 hours at .20,	20 00	
J. D. Jones, 25 hours at .20,	5 00	
D. Morrison, 8 hours at .20,	1 60	
J. J. Woodman, 45 hours at .20,	9 00	
W. H. Emerson and team, 3 hours at .40,	1 20	
M. Connor, 8 hours at .20,	1 60	
M. Bailey, 8 hours at .20,	1 60	
R. H. Sargent and team, 35 hours at .40,	14 00	
John B. Heath, bill for Miss Gunnison's steps,	10 31	
		\$ 174 51

PAY ROLL FOR NOVEMBER, SETTING TREES.

G. G. Davis, 14 hours at .22 1-2.	\$ 3 15	
Horse and cart, 9 hours at .10,	90	
John Fitzgerald, 27 1-2 hours at .20,	5 50	
J. D. Jones, 14 hours at .20,	2 80	
R. H. Sargent, 4 hours at .20,	80	
Horse, 9 hours at .10,	90	
L. Y. Stevens, 17 hours at .20,	3 40	
J. T. Crosby, sod for Miss Gunnison's banking,	9 20	
T. C. Thurlow, 4 S. M. trees,	12 00	
J. T. Crosby, 3 loads of loam,	3 75	
		\$ 42 40
		\$ 419 18
Appropriation,	\$ 300 00	
Overdrawn,	119 18	
		\$ 419 18

MACADAMIZING MAIN STREET.

Sargent Coal Co., order C. H. Kelliher,	\$ 176 16
J. P. Titcomb, part services as engineer,	153 29
First National Bank, Newburyport, order C. H. Kelliher,	3,164 93
C. W. Chapman, labor and supplies on manholes,	125 80
Albert C. Russell & Son, water grates,	20 88
E. W. Morse, order C. H. Kelleher. stone,	8 30
B. H. Battis,	4 55
J. T. Crosby,	25 65
Mrs. George W. Nichols,	30 90
R. H. Sargent,	2 23
J. E. Currier,	16 28
H. O. Walker,	4 27
E. S. Mckay,	22 30
A. P Ordway,	53 88
G. W. Sargent,	14 34
Sargent Coal Co.,	51 37
J. J. Woodman,	85 00
Z. Lovell & Co.,	1 17
H. H. Bean & Son, cement,	6 00
John E. Currier, stock to fix spout to get water,	11 51
Ben Wood, sprinkling,	80 00
G. G. Davis, 30 hours at .22 1-2,	6 75
Horse and cart, 45 hours at .10,	4 50
Hauling cement and grate,	2 50
J. Fitzgerald, 85 hours at .20,	17 00

E. F. Goodwin, 52 hours at .20,	\$ 10 40	
J. M. Evans, 19 1-2 hours at .20,	3 90	
A. H. Coombs, 67 1-2 hours at .20,	13 50	
T. Grant, 25 hours at .20,	5 00	
C. A. Stevens, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
D. C. Bunker, 35 hours at .20,	7 00	
M. Connor, 10 hours at .20,	2 00	
I. H. Pendergast, moving granite,	75	
W. H. Thomas, bill,	1 25	
		\$ 4,135 36
Expended last year,		2,697 49
		\$ 6,832 85
Appropriation,	\$ 6,500 00	
Overdrawn,	332 85	
		\$ 6,832 85

RAILING ON RIVER ROAD.

John E. Currier, railing, \$ 41 92

PAY ROLL FOR OCTOBER.

G. G. Davis, labor and horse,	\$ 20 20
John Fitzgerald,	2 00
D. C. Bunker,	13 50
Fred H. Chase,	10 30
J. D. Jones,	11 40
L. Y. Stevens,	12 30
W. F. Bunker,	7 30
R. H. Sargent,	9 50
J. D. Jones,	4 40

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W. J. Hailey,	\$ 8 20	
Charles Bailey,	7 60	
		\$ 106 70
D. C. Maxfield, Railing,		9 27
A. W. Sargent, posts,		59 36
Hanscom Bros., supplies,		3 90

PAY ROLL FOR NOVEMBER.

G. G. Davis, labor and horse,	\$ 13 40	
A. J. Lovell,	3 50	
J. M. Evans,	2 80	
W. J. Hailey,	1 80	
R. H. Sargent,	5 40	
L. Y. Stevens,	9 00	
J. D. Jones,	7 20	
D. C. Bunker,	5 40	
John Fitzgerald,	7 20	
George Curtis, expressage,	30	
		\$ 56 00
J. E. Currier, stock,		18 53
		\$ 295 68
Unexpended,		4 32
		\$ 300 00
Appropriation,		\$ 300 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Col. C. R. Mudge Post 114, G. A. R.,	\$ 75 00
Appropriation,	75 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Z. Lovell & Co., oil and supplies,	\$ 284 75	
Preble Bros., oil,	23 44	
W. W. Lyons, care of lights,	231 50	
E. S. McKay, care of lights,	84 75	
John Muldoon, repairing,	14 65	
W. W. Lydston, putting new lining in tank,	12 58	
S. A. McConnell, labor on oil tank,	1 35	
Globe Gas Light Co., 6 lamps and posts complete,	28 50	
Glass for lamps,	9 50	
F. C. Williams, repairing brackets,	1 00	
Bion Green, freight,	38	
Agent American Express, expressage,	40	
		\$ 692 80
Appropriation,	\$ 600 00	
Overdrawn,	92 80	\$ 692 80

COURT FEES.

Received from G. W. Cate,	\$ 35 00	
		\$ 35 00
Paid Angus McInnis, fees,	9 98	
" Atwood S. Nixon, "	22 11	
Unexpended,	2 91	
		\$ 35 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

E. P. Sargent, wrench for engine,	\$ 1 00
John E. Donahue, stock, and painting Centre house,	6 85
John E. Donahue, care H. and L. truck,	5 00
Sargent Coal Co., cannal coal for engine,	129 60
E. C. Little, hauling H. and L. truck,	10 00
Haverhill & Amesbury St. Ry. Co., cylinder oil,	50
Merrimac Wheel & Gear Co., repairs on hose wagon,	50
Alex. Oxley, salary engineer,	25 00
Repairs on hose wagon, hammer and wrench,	9 75
C. H. Hughes, salary engineer,	25 00
Henry K. Barner, supplies,	10 00
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	3 85
E. B. Hale, assignee, pair of axle arms for hose wagon,	10 70
O. W. Jordan, salary engineer and supplies,	30 00
Cornelius Callahan, supplies,	12 00
A. W. Sawyer, care of hose wagon,	10 00
Martin Cahill, steward engine house at Port,	42 00
Otis Currier, Jr., extra labor,	2 50
John B. Coleman, labor at Flat Hill fire,	3 75
Sargent Coal Co., coal for engine house,	83 28
Ben Wood, steamer practice,	1 00
Steamer Sargent homestead,	5 00
Steamer Hopkins shop,	5 00
Steamer Lower Corner,	5 00
Steamer Murphy shop,	5 00
Steamer Bear Hill,	5 00
S. H. Connor, H. and L. to Sargent homestead,	5 00

C. W. Morse, part of salary, 1900,	20 00	
Thomas Parkin, order E. Parkin, labor,	1 75	
Theodore Grant, labor on fire alarm,	1 80	
Merrimac Budget, printing appointments,	1 25	
C. E. Wallace, salary and over time, 1900,	7 63	
A. W. Sawyer, repairing H. and L. truck,	3 45	
American Electrical Co., supplies for fire alarm,	3 24	
L. D. Goddard, hauling McClellan engine 1900,	6 00	
C. W. Chapman, stock and labor on Centre house,	5 45	
Z. Lovell & Co., oil and supplies,	12 21	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	2 65	
Beatie Zinc Works Co., supplies,	12 00	
E. C. Little, hauling steamer and H. and L. truck,	12 50	
R. H. Sargent, steamer practice,	15 00	
Goodwin house,	5 00	
Oakes house,	5 00	
Peirce house,	5 00	
Hopkins' shop,	5 00	
I. H. Pendergast, horses,	2 50	
		\$ 579 71

STEAMER COMPANY.

A. B. Carter, salary and overtime,	16 75
George Handley, salary and overtime,	19 13
C. O. Libby, salary and overtime,	18 88
W. Boothroyd, stoker and overtime,	44 63
F. W. Cate, salary and overtime,	15 88
F. B. Clement, assistant engineer,	25 00
Superintendent fire alarm,	50 00
Fireman and overtime,	20 00
Otis Currier, Jr., salary and overtime,	21 25
Charles Doonan, salary and overtime,	19 38
James Flynn, salary and overtime,	18 88
Martin Gilmore, salary and overtime,	21 13
T. W. Keogh, salary and overtime,	18 53
Charles Morse, salary and overtime,	20 00
Steward,	95 00
Austin Sawyer, salary and overtime,	19 38
N. F. Stevens, salary and overtime,	17 28
Engineer,	50 00

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Charles Wallace, salary and overtime,	\$ 19 38	
F. E. Wiggin, salary and overtime,	20 13	
Everett Heath, salary,	7 50	
John Miller, salary,	2 50	
Michael Gilmore, salary and overtime,	21 13	
	\$ 581 74	
John S. Clement, taxes of members,	13 44	
		\$ 595 18

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, SALARY AND OVERTIME.

W. A. Brady,	\$ 14 45	
C. S. C. Bridges,	13 77	
Harry Bonner,	12 88	
P. Ryan,	1 25	
W. A. Barbeau,	14 13	
Harry Carroll,	14 13	
W. A. Coombs,	14 45	
W. A. Carpenter,	12 88	
W. H. Goldsmith,	13 05	
John Donahue,	13 95	
William Rogers,	13 88	
G. W. Berry,	1 55	
M. Traverse,	5 88	
H. E. Hoyt,	13 68	
William Morrison,	1 25	
	\$ 161 18	
John Clement, taxes of members,	30 50	
		\$ 191 68

GENERAL MC CLELLAN COMPANY, SALARY.

F. H. G. Chase,	12 10
D. F. Tibbetts,	13 00
F. O. Bailey,	15 00
R. J. Eaton,	15 00
L. B. Blaisdell,	15 00
Martin Cahill,	15 00
S. C. Blaisdell,	15 00
M. Blaisdell,	13 00
Moses Bailey,	15 00

R. S. Bailey,	\$ 15 00	
Charles Bailey,	13 00	
J. W. Bailey,	15 00	
John Cahill,	15 00	
Benj. Carter,	13 00	
C. A. Carter,	15 00	
C. E. Coleman, Sr.,	11 56	
A. E. Coleman,	15 00	
C. E. Coleman, Jr.,	15 00	
A. W. Chase,	15 00	
J. W. Currier,	13 00	
H. Evans,	13 00	
G. H. Gilday,	12 64	
Henry Gilday,	13 00	
John Grocut,	13 00	
L. D. Goddard,	15 00	
P. J. Neal,	15 00	
L. Y. Stevens,	13 00	
W. S. Tuckwell,	15 00	
John Welch,	15 00	
L. J. Whittier,	15 00	
	\$ 423 30	
John S. Clement, taxes of members,	41 70	
		\$ 465 00
		\$ 1,831 57
Appropriation,	\$ 1,800 00	
Overdrawn,	31 57	
		\$ 1,831 57

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. E. W. Smart, stamps and box rent,	\$ 11 25
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies for town hall and police station,	18 69
A. H. Peirce, reporting births,	2 25
H. J. Cushing, reporting births,	4 25
F. E. Sweetsir, reporting births,	6 00
Merrimac Budget, Printing ballots, 1899	10 50
Printing town reports, 1900,	117 50
Printing warrant and supplies for March meeting,	27 75
Printing notices,	8 50
Cut of town seal,	4 92
Supplies and poll tax list,	21 75
Printing warrant, tally sheet, etc.,	26 25
Belnap & Co., town seal,	10 00
Sargent Coal Co., coal for hall and police station,	36 25
Titcomb Bros., supplies for tramps,	23
Angus McInnis, pair of twisters,	75
Katherine Parker, cleaning hall,	4 75
Thomas Parkin, pair of twisters,	1 00
H. M. Dolbeare, Assessors blank notices,	1 75
Thomas Groom & Co., two record books for town clerk,	12 00
Poor & Fuller, legal advice,	6 00
Agent American Express, expressage,	50
N. L. Howe, labor and supplies,	16 90
J. J. Woodman, cutting grass in cemeteries,	15 00
W. W. Lydston, repairing pump and new pump in square,	9 65

John E. Muldoon, repairing hall lamp,	\$ 85	
Thomas Parkin, charcoal for hall,	2 50	
Economy Co-Operative Bank, damage to property on Central street, 1899,	50 00	
M. Brannan, patching in hall,	5 00	
J. Donahue, painting patch in hall,	3 48	
W. H. Scott, work on staging in hall,	1 15	
J. C. Libby, work on staging in hall,	1 00	
Work on booths,	1 50	
F. C. Williams, repairing stoves in office and police station,	1 50	
Bailey Sargent, insuring hall,	70 20	
Recording births, marriages and deaths,	28 15	
Postage, expressage and stationery,	4 29	
P. H. Parsons or bearer, above cost on property sold for taxes, 1898, on Pleasant street,	9 00	
A. S. Nixon, supplies for lamp,	1 20	
C. H. Hughes, care of watering trough,	5 00	
E. P. Sargent, repairing pump,	50	
I. H. Pendergast, trucking,	1 50	
Story & Co., supplies and telephoning,	3 10	
Thomas Parkin, care of town office,	10 00	
Thomas Stoye, bottle marking ink,	1 75	
John B. Heath & Son, returning 34 deaths,	8 50	
E. D. George, expenses to Tewkesbury, Salem, Haverhill, and Boston 4 times, 3 keys to office,	14 91	
A. M. Colby, expenses to Salem, Lawrence, and Boston, and burying dog,	6 50	
R. H. Sargent, expenses to Salem, Haverhill, and Boston, 2 times,	6 70	
Zeigler & Co., supplies,	18 00	
		\$ 630 67
Appropriation,	\$ 600 00	
Overdrawn,	30 67	
		\$ 630 67

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

C. W. Titcomb, mason work on building,	\$ 70 54
F. H. Trefethen, labor,	15 25
W. H. Emerson, labor and hauling sand,	5 00
J. C. Libby, labor and stock,	23 90
E. T. Ransom, labor,	4 00
Theodore Grant, labor on foundation,	16 00
J. B. Hanson, 9000 feet hemlock boards,	139 50
C. A. Stevens, labor around building,	9 00
John Macdonald, labor,	18 00
Bion Green, freight,	4 76
J. C. Libby, labor,	64 17
Stock,	1 25
C. O. Libby, labor,	12 50
John Swett, labor,	22 50
Frank Trefethen, labor,	56 25
E. Ransom, labor,	5 25
Warren Potter, raising building,	155 00
G. G. Davis, labor,	2 85
John Fitzgerald, labor,	60
D. C. Bunker, labor,	1 60
L. Y. Stevens, labor,	1 50
J. D. Jones, labor,	1 50
J. Doonan, labor,	1 60
E. C. Little, labor,	4 60
W. H. Emerson, labor,	7 00
M. B. Dow, brick,	30 00
L. B. Blaisdell, hauling brick,	12 00
H. H. Bean & Son, cement for underpinning,	17 40
E. Carlisle Pope & Co., windows and frames,	86 15
Garrett Ford & Co., iron columns and plates,	23 30
Eastern Expanded Metal Co., steel lathing,	9 69
C. E. Hoyt, lathing,	7 65

John H. Hoyt, lathing,	\$ 16 65	
J. E. Currier, stock,	497 47	
Matthew Brannen, plastering school house,	141 82	
Garrett Ford, metal supplies,	26 49	
J. C. Libby, labor,	61 75	
Stock,	5 42	
C. O. Libby, labor,	52 50	
Frank Trefethen, labor,	48 25	
Charles Hughes, labor,	27 50	
J. Doonan, labor,	60	
Bion Green, freight,	1 27	
J. C. Libby, labor,	73 00	
Stock,	4 80	
C. O. Libby, labor,	61 96	
Frank Trefethen, labor,	52 25	
Eli Beauvars, labor,	5 50	
John Swett, labor,	16 25	
Edward Perkins Lumber Co., inside finish,	134 81	
R. E. Farrar, painting,	53 01	
C. A. Stevens, cleaning cellar,	7 13	
Fuller Warren & Co., heating and ventilating,	198 20	
M. S. Gibbs, labor,	88 75	
J. B. Hanson, pine boards,	24 00	
G. A. Curtis, expressage,	1 95	
Hanscom Bros., hardware,	61 14	
A. W. Hastings, inside finish,	67 65	
Goodwin & Kendrick, paint stock,	19 08	
Carriage Wheel & Gear Co., sawing and plan- ing stock,	8 00	
W. W. Lydston, stock and labor,	26 57	
John E. Currier, stock,	119 56	
J. C. Libby, labor,	11 05	
The Taylor Goodwin Co., stock for inside,	231 10	
Nat L. Howe, removing heater and pipes,	17 61	
John E. Currier, stone,	6 00	
Frank Anderson, truss rod,	60	
		\$ 3,000 00
Appropriation,		\$ 3,000 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

J. G. Morrell, superintendent,	\$ 775 62
Edward P. Kelley, principal High school,	332 50
Charles W. Cutts, principal “	577 50
L. Frances Tucker, 1st assistant, “	310 50
Grace Newhall, 1st assistant, “	193 00
Henrietta G. Benson, 2nd asst. “	390 00
Bertram D. Brown, principal Centre First Gram- mar,	202 50
Alfred K. Lowe, principal Centre First Grammar,	225 00
Anna P. Day, Centre Second Grammar,	137 25
Viola Sturgis, “ “	47 50
Anna Dodge, “ “	175 00
Lilla M. Phelps, Centre Third Grammar,	380 00
L. Pearle French, Centre First Intermediate,	370 00
Mary H. Head, Prospect street Second Inter- mediate,	380 00
Etta H. Colby, Centre First Primary,	368 00
• Mary L. Brown, Prospect street Second Primary,	357 50
Louise C. Brackett, Middle “ “	180 00
Blanche Cunningham, “ “ “	122 50
Ida M. Blaisdell, Port First Grammar,	450 00
Hattie A. Baxter, Port Primary,	380 00
Abbie L. Clement, Bear Hill,	332 50
M. Eva Robinson, Music,	147 56
Maud E. Rose, drawing,	200 00
Mrs. Radcliffe, substitute,	50 00
M. R. Tracy, “	17 50

Mrs. E. S. Lane, substitute,	\$ 19 00
W. B. Kelley, transporting scholars,	475 00
C. P. Baker, Janitor Centie,	298 45
F. H. Trefethen, " Middle street,	102 21
Mrs. E. Whalen, " Prospect street,	76 00
Mrs. John Sargent, " Port,	76 00
John Davis, " Bear Hill,	38 00
Silver, Burdett & Co., books and supplies,	35 82
Educational Publishing Co., books and supplies,	24 01
E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies,	57 37
J. L. Hammett & Co., books and supplies,	100 33
Ginn & Co., books and supplies,	66 24
D. C. Heath & Co., books and supplies,	22 94
American Book Co., books and supplies,	26 48
A. G. Alley, Treasurer, supplies,	2 50
Sibley and Ducker, books and supplies,	2 89
George S. Perry & Co., supplies,	133 87
Merrimac Budget, supplies,	56 80
Morse Publishing Co., supplies,	1 35
H. W. Wood, supplies,	75
J. Hampden Doretty, supplies,	1 62
Globe Optical Co., supplies,	3 00
S. A. McConnell, labor, telegraphy and supplies,	52 67
Rand McNally, books and supplies,	22 40
Wadsworth Howland Co., supplies,	21 75
Oliver Ditson & Co., supplies,	6 97
J. Witter Co., supplies,	60
Howard Brown, supplies,	6 75
Cleveland Publishing Co., supplies,	2 75
George F. King & Co., supplies,	17 50
Allyn & Bacon, supplies,	9 27
J. A. Glass Co., supplies,	20 20
I. B. Little, & Co., supplies,	2 01
Scott Forseman & Co., supplies,	2 20
Ziegler Electrical Co., supplies,	13 82
Boston Book Binding Co., supplies,	10 36
Werner School Book Co., books,	10 50
Story & Co., telephoning and supplies,	7 92

Little & Co., supplies,	\$ 35
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,	19 64
Mary L. Brown, supplies,	3 24
L. Francis Tucker, supplies,	7 40
Merrimac Wheel & Gear Co., supplies,	80
T. D. Nelson, varnish,	1 50
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	4 50
N. L. Howe, stock and labor,	2 95
Sargent Coal Co., coal and wood,	481 14
Bion Green, freight,	5 99
George W. Sargent, wood,	17 50
Agent American Express, expressage,	16 15
C. P. Baker, labor,	37 19
W. B. Kelley, supplies,	1 03
City of Haverhill, tuition, Fred Davis, Mildred Chase,	10 00
J. C. Libby, labor,	2 00
A. M. Willey, 3-4 day's board A. E. Winship,	1 50
A. E. Winship, address June 22,	15 00
J. G. Morrell, telephoning, car fare, supplies,	14 25
Mrs. Mary Simmons, cleaning Bear Hill house,	4 00
Mrs. E. Whalen, cleaning Prospect St. house,	10 00
Mrs. Ellen Sargent, cleaning Port house,	10 10
Fred Chase, labor on Port house,	1 35
Thomas Parkin, labor on account of scholars in hall,	1 25
George F. Colby, labor on seats,	1 90
Joseph Nichols, labor on seats,	1 80
R. R. Sorenson, labor on seats,	1 40
E. P. Kelley, supplies,	1 40
John E. Donahue, labor and stock,	44 00
R. E. Farra, labor and stock,	4 45
Goodwin & Kendrick, paint,	8 93
Preble Brothers, supplies,	92
C. A. Stevens, care of ashes and cleaning grounds,	15 00
Natt Head, filling in diplomas,	1 64
Harry B. Gassett, taking school census,	15 00
Frank R. Whitchee, flag for school house,	3 57

H. H. Hughes, caning chair,	\$ 75	
J. B. Heath, repairs on Centre house,	14 00	
F. H. Trefethen, stock and labor,	25 50	
C. W. Chapman, stock and labor,	28 40	
D. B. Wright, labor on Port house,	2 00	
E. P. Sargent, labor on stoves,	1 00	
T. H. Hoyt, postage and car fare,	5 18	
Maud Rose, expense to Amesbury fair,	1 25	
I. H. Pendergast, hauling freight, seats, and moving to Middle St. house,	19 60	
W. W. Lydston, stock and labor,	82 47	
Fuller & Warren W. and V. Co., on heating and ventilating,	755 40	
		\$ 10,634 62

Appropriation, general school purposes,	\$ 8,650 00	
Superintendent of Schools,	350 00	
Transportation of Scholars,	500 00	
Received from State, account of Supt.,	625 00	
Mass. School Fund,	404 78	
Dog Tax,	102 84	
C. H. Tuckwell, apples at Port,	2 00	
		\$ 10,634 62

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$ 965,350 00
“ Personal Property,	303,590 00
“ Resident Bank Stock,	57,525 00
“ Non-Resident Bank Stock,	72,475 00
Number of persons assessed on property,	668
“ “ for poll tax only,	264
“ acres of land,	5,052.4
“ dwelling houses,	532
“ horses,	221
“ cows,	231
“ sheep,	0
“ swine,	11
“ neat cattle other than cows,	69
Total tax assessed,	\$ 24,186 92
Rate of taxation per thousand,	18 00
County tax,	1,070 73
State tax,	735 00

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

STATE AID.

For twelve months ending February 1, 1901.

Rhoda Belell,	\$ 48 00	
George Brown,	48 00	
John Doherty,	52 00	
Clarissa J. Frye,	32 00	
Margaret Handley,	24 00	
Mary A. Hughes,	24 00	
John Jenkins,	60 00	
Alice Jenkins,	44 00	
Stephen D. Kennett,	48 00	
Lydia A. Kennett,	48 00	
William F. Martins,	60 00	
Adeline Noyes,	24 00	
Mary Whalen,	48 00	
Charles Hunkins,	36 00	
Ivory M. Perice,	12 00	
Moses Stevens,	40 00	
Mary E. Stevens,	16 00	
		\$ 664 00

MILITARY AID.

Lyman Sargent,	\$ 144 00	
Jeremiah Mahoney,	179 41	
		\$ 323 41

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT,

1893-'95.

W. C. RUSSELL, COLLECTOR.

W. C. RUSSELL, Collector, in account with the Town of
Merrimac.

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Uncollected taxes February 16, 1900,	\$ 572 70
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Paid Treasurer,	\$ 48 19	
Balance Uncollected,	<u>524 51</u>	\$ 572 70

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. RUSSELL, Collector.

Merrimac, February 13, 1901.

LIST OF TAXES REMAINING UNPAID.

1893.					
Battis, Benj. H.	11	31	Burns, Michael P.	2	00
Connell, T. J.	45	70	Betts, Frank W.	3	25
Doyle, Michael H.	1	00	Currier, Wm. A.	2	42
Richardson, Henry C.	2	00	Colby, Mrs. Brazillia	3	98
Currier, Thomas A.	1	90	Chase, Wesley	2	00
Peaslee, John S.	3	33	Connor, Katherine		83
Kimball, Stephen T.		95	Connor, Timothy E.	17	86
Bagley, Thos.		95	Carr, Robert	16	94
Cooper, George E.		95	Crouse, James C.	19	43
1894.			Foster, James H.	13	75
Addison, Joseph	35	20	Goodwin, Hayden T.	2	00
Battis, Benj. H.	17	58	Gunnison, Geo. G. bal.	16	11
Burns, Michael H.	2	00	Greeley, Martin	2	00
Currier, Wm. A.	2	44	Greeley, Michael	31	90
Connell, T. J.	41	38	Greeley, Peter	2	00
Doyle, Michael H.	2	00	Handley, Geo. W.	2	00
Doyle, James jr.	2	00	Lovell, A. J.	2	00
Greeley, Peter	2	00	Loud, Otis S. bal.		66
Lyons, Wm. M.	8	57	Nichols, H. H.	2	00
Murphy, James W.	2	00	Noone, Michael heirs,	6	23
Nichols, H. H.	2	00	Parker, John C.	2	00
Noon, Michael heirs,	6	56	Prescott, Geo. S.	15	28
Parker, John C.	1	49	Parsons, Andrew	2	00
Richardson, Henry C.	2	00	Ruel, Lawrence	2	00
Shays, Wm. E.	2	00	Richardson, Henry C.	2	00
Sheridan, Thos. W.	2	00	Richardson, Chas. A.	2	00
Schofield, Herman B.	2	00	Scanlon, James F.	2	00
Orpheon Club,		88	Schofield, Herman B.	2	00
Currier, Thomas A.	1	75	Sargent, J. P. heirs,	50	63
Peaslee, John S.	3	07	Sargent, Wm. A.	2	00
Favor, Mrs. Nancy	7	88	Webster, Bert W.	2	00
Day, Joseph heirs,	1	75	Orpheon Club,		83
Kimball, Stephen T.		88	Currier, Thomas A.	1	66
Connor, John	5	69	Peaslee, John S.	2	91
Bagley, Thomas		88	Day, Joseph heirs,	1	66
Nichols, John A. heirs,	2	19	Kimball, Stephen T.		83
Cooper, George		88	Connor, John	5	40
1895.			Parsons, P. H.	4	15
Barlow, Joseph	2	00	Lane, Mary Ann	7	06
Battis, Benj. H.	15	69	Cooper, George		83
Bancroft, Leman E. bal.	16	91	Tenney, John E.	3	32
			Bagley, Thos.		83

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JOHN S. CLEMENT, COLLECTOR.

John S. Clement, Collector, in account with the Town of
Merrimac.

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To Tax List and additions,	\$ 24,567 82	
Uncollected Taxes, 1898,	1,039 36	
Uncollected Taxes, 1899,	2,426 53	
Excise Tax, H. & A. St. R. R.	128 88	
Excise Tax, Citizens St. R. R.	81 87	
Tax Sale real estate, Pleasant st.	9 00	
Tax Sale real estate, Adams st.	5 80	
		\$ 28,259 26

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By Cash paid Treasurer,	\$ 22,093 98	
Discounts,	786 63	
Abatements, 1898,	96 24	
Abatements, 1899,	39 17	
Abatements, 1900,	108 68	
Error in Assessment,	378 00	
Uncollected Taxes, 1898,	3 48	
Uncollected Taxes, 1899,	1,391 32	
Uncollected Taxes, 1900,	3,361 76	
		\$ 28,259 26

List of Taxes Remaining Unpaid Feb. 18, 1901.

	1898.	1899.	1900.
O'Connor, L. J.	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00
Wilson, Clara J.	1 48	1 58	1 80
Bailey, F. P., bal.,		2 39	7 85
Bailey, L. M.		23 24	20 90
Battis, W. J.		3 80	2 00
Battis, B. H.		17 12	19 37
Blotner, Moses		12 80	13 70
Burns, M. J.		2 00	2 00
Baptist Society,		32 40	32 40
Carroll, F. M.		2 00	2 00
Carroll, F. M. Mrs.		19 35	21 15
Carter, Wm. F.		17 30	18 20
Coleman, Mrs.		22 50	22 50
Connell, Mrs. T. J.		32 40	32 40
Connor, T. E. estate,		18 29	15 84
Crockett, L. C.		2 00	2 00
Cummings, N. P.		2 00	
Foster, J. H.		17 93	18 11
Greeley, Wm.		17 39	17 75
Greeley, Peter		2 00	
Gunnison, Geo. bal.,		15 50	17 30
Howe, N. L. bal.,		3 09	21 98
Hanna, Alex.		16 20	16 20
Holt, J. V. heirs,		23 40	
Jenkins, John		9 20	9 20
Jenkins, Frank		2 00	2 00
Lawson, F. H.		2 00	
Lawson, A. H.		25 40	25 40
Manning, C. N.		2 00	
Mason, Geo. F. bal.		1 39	10 10
Means, D. M.		35 12	35 30
Morse, E. W.		53 66	55 10
Morse, W. H.		2 00	2 00
Morse, M. A.		43 20	43 20
McNannie, John		9 20	9 20
Patten, Jona		5 60	5 60

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

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Peirce, I. W.	11 90	11 90
Porter, J. N.	2 00	2 00
Parker, B. F.	2 00	2 00
Pettigrew, heirs,	11 70	11 70
Rowell, heirs,	83 70	83 70
Sheys, W. E.	8 30	14 60
Soper, E. H.	2 00	
Sullivan, D. F.	34 40	34 40
Sargent, W. P. heirs,	33 30	33 30
Stickney, heirs,	16 65	10 35
Thompson, W. F.	2 00	2 00
Travers, M.	16 40	16 40
Tremblay, Edward	20 00	20 00
Tuckwell, C. H.	24 86	24 86
Wadleigh, D. E.	18 20	18 20
Webster, A. M.	12 80	12 80
Willis, D. H.	10 28	
Bagley, Thos.	90	90
Bucklin, John	45	45
Connor, P. H.	10 80	10 80
Davis, J. heirs,	17 55	17 55
Doyle, James	17 10	17 10
Callahan, J. D.	13 50	13 50
Favor, heirs,	8 10	8 10
Howe, H. M.	109 80	104 40
Lyons or Unknown,	2 15	3 15
Burque, A. bal.	33 40	35 10
Murphy, Mrs.	5 83	5 85
Peasley, R.	12 60	11 70
Sargent, O. E.	31 50	22 50
Stevens, H. W.	292 50	
Williams, W. S.	25 20	25 20

1900.			
Austin, S. B.	\$ 2 00	Heath, D. A.	2 00
Allison, I. R.	2 00	Hopkins, G. L.	2 18
Allison, W. S.	2 00	Hoyt, Mrs. H. C.	24 30
Allison, Mrs. heirs,	12 60	Howe, J. L.	2 00
Anthony, J. B. bal.	3 26	Howe, R. C.	2 36
Bailey, Wallace	2 00	Hunkins, J. E.	2 00
Barry, T. F.	2 00	Hunt, Mrs. heirs,	10 80
Bancroft, L. E.	33 50	Jenkins, G. F.	2 18
Barlow, Edmund	7 40	Jones, J. D.	13 70
Barlow, Joseph	2 00	Kennett, L. F.	2 63
Battis, G. H.	4 70	Kendall, F. F.	2 00
Bean, E. A.	3 98	Kittredge, G. E.	2 00
Blaisdell, H. O.	3 80	Little, E. C. bal.	42 97
Bunker, W. T.	2 00	LaBrie, I.	15 50
Bushong, Edward	2 00	Loud, S. Otis	2 00
Chase, Abram W.	16 94	McLeod, Alex.	2 18
Clark, C. H.	2 00	McNannie, Mrs.	21 15
Clark, Robert	2 54	McMillan, Donald	2 00
Colby, J. W.	30 17	Milhender, Abram.	16 76
Colby, G. . .	2 00	Milhender, Nathan	2 00
Collins, M. C.	2 00	Morrill, H. C.	2 00
Connell, T. J.	2 00	Morrill, E. G.	2 00
Crockett, C. J.	2 27	Nichols, H. H.	2 18
Currie, Thos.	2 00	Nicol, Andrew	2 90
Currier, J. E.	437 69	Nicol, Wm. T.	2 00
Coombs, P. R.	16 40	Noyes, C. H. 2nd	2 00
Davis, J. A.	2 00	Noone, Bridget	5 40
Delano, H. O.	515 90	Oakes, Henry	29 63
Delano, Mrs. H. O.	44 10	Parker, J. F.	2 00
Doyle, James	2 00	Parker, J. C.	2 00
Ellis, A. E.	2 00	Percy, Chas.	2 00
Farrington, F. B.	14 78	Pettigrew, L. F.	2 00
Fitzgerald, J. H.	9 65	Richardson, H. C.	2 00
Foster, W. L.	2 54	Ransom, E. T.	2 00
Foster, Wm.	2 00	Robbins, R. E.	2 00
Gassett, C. W. bal.	14 90	Sargent & Currier,	3 96
Geoffroy, H. A.	8 30	Stevens, heirs,	50 40
Goldsmith, G. F.	15 50	Sayre, W. H.	2 00
Goldsmith, W. H.	2 00	Sheehan, J. H.	2 00
Goodwin, G. N.	2 00	Smith, H. P.	2 00
Greeley, Martin,	2 00	Sprague, Wm. G.	2 36
Greeley, Michael heirs,	2 25	Simmonds, C. H.	2 78
Greenway, Fred	2 00	Simpson, John	2 00
Gray, Wm. heirs,	4 50	Stoyle, Thos.	22 70
Hall, Frank W.	2 00	Sauvan, A. V.	2 00
Handley, J. E.	2 00	Swett, H. E.	2 00
Hargraves, F. H.	20 18	Swett, J. C.	21 35
Harriman, C. F.	2 00	Tarlton, G. A.	2 00
		Trull, C. D.	28 37

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

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Trull, E. C.	2 45	Prescott, J. S.	43 65
Walsh, P. H.	2 00	Richardson, heirs,	3 60
Whittier, W. S.	2 00	Sargent, H. W.	5 40
Woodman, A. S.	2 00	Starratt, Mrs.	6 75
Wiley, A. F.	20 00	Tenney, J. E.	3 60
Witham, C. C.	26 30	LeOpheon Club,	3 60
Atwood, Jesse	7 20	Vermont Club,	3 60
Adams, Otis	1 80	Nonpareal Club,	3 60
Carter, Geo. heirs,	25 20	Lewis, A. E.	2 00
Dow, Eliza	14 40	Gassett, W. H.	2 00
Hale, E. B. assignee,	291 60	Due from Firemen,	140 11
Nowell, J. A.	15 75		

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid balance Note of Nov. 18, 1899,	\$ 1,000 00	
Paid Note of March 29, 1900,	2,000 00	
" April 23, 1900,	3,500 00	
" May 14, 1900,	2,000 00	
" May 21, 1900,	2,000 00	
Paid Check of E. B. Sargent,	1,000 00	
Paid Note of June 20, 1900,	3,500 00	
" July 5, 1900,	5,000 00	
" Sept. 26, 1900,	4,500 00	
Paid part on Note of Dec. 12, 1900,	1,000 00	
		\$ 25,500
Interest paid on Note of Nov. 18, 1899,	\$ 39 39	
" " March 29, 1900,	29 78	
" " April 23, 1900,	42 39	
" " May 14, 1900,	41 33	
" " May 21, 1900,	60 23	
" E. B. Sargent's check,	4 33	
" Note of June 20, 1900,	30 74	
" " July 5, 1900,	116 20	
" " Sept. 26, 1900,	73 00	
		\$ 437 39

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. J. POORE, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Merrimac.

1900.	DR.	
March 1.	To Balance,	\$ 885 05
14.	“ Treas. Com'lth, Corp. Tax,	58 97
	“ Loan E. B. Sargent,	1,000 00
23.	“ Town of Amesbury,	81 86
30.	“ Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
April 24.	“ Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	3,500 00
May 11.	“ J. F. Shaw & Co.,	5 00
12.	“ George W. Cate, justice, fees,	10 00
14.	“ Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
23.	“ Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
June 21.	“ Loan, Blodget, Merritt & Co.,	3,500 00
July 7.	“ Geo. W. Cate, justice, fees,	5 00
31.	“ E. M. Sawyer, maint'nce Cem'ty Lot,	114 00
Aug. 1.	“ H. J. Batchelder, acct. sidewalk,	14 25
Sept. 27.	“ Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	4,500 00
Oct. 10.	“ C. H. Nichols, acct. sidewalk,	21 38
19.	“ Sale R. E. acct. P. H. Parsons,	9 00
	“ Sale R. E. acct. M. Noon,	5 80
	“ Loan Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,500 00
Nov. 3.	“ Acct. Inspection of Animals,	23 50
17.	“ Loan Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,500 00
20.	“ E. B. Sargent, acct. sidewalk,	16 50
Dec. 10.	“ Geo. W. Cate, justice, fees,	5 00
13.	“ Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
18.	“ Robert Farra,	2 85
27.	“ State Aid, Supt. Schools,	625 00

1901.

Jan.	1.	To Geo. W. Cate, justice, fees,	5 00	
	18.	" Fred'k Nichols, acc't sidewalk,	14 00	
		" Est. E. H. Sargent, acc't sidewalk,	13 75	
		" W. O. Smiley, acc't. sidewalk,	11 25	
	26.	" Mass. School Fund,	404 78	
Feb.	4.	" School Com. acct. grass,	2 00	
		" Dog Tax,	102 84	
	8.	" Town of Amesb'ry, acct. C. Goodwin,	94 87	
	14.	" Geo. W. Cate, justice, fees,	10 00	
		" Loan, Blodget, Merritt & Co.,	7,000 00	
		" Premium, " "	58 04	
		" First National Bank, rent,	275 00	
		" Thomas Parkin, acct. Sargent hall,	108 00	
		" Treas. Com'lth, acct. Corp. Tax,	1,144 22	
		" " Nat'l Bank Tax,	201 37	
		" " State and Military Aid,	620 00	
		" " Burial of Soldiers,	35 00	
		" " Street Railway Tax,	207 58	
		" Wm. C. Russell, collector,	48 19	
		" John S. Clement, collector,	22,079 18	
				\$ 59,818 23

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By paid County Tax,	\$ 1,070 73	
State Tax,	735 00	
National Bank Tax,	1,326 25	
State Aid,	664 00	
Military Aid,	144 00	
Treas. Com'lth, Failure to make report,	6 00	
" Corporation Tax,	26	
Selectmen's orders,	55,502 65	
Cash on hand,	369 34	
		\$ 59,818 23

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

Merrimac, February 19, 1901.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Note of Oct. 16, 1900,	\$ 2,500 00
Note of Nov. 14, 1900,	2,500 00
Balance of Note of Dec. 12, 1900,	1,000 00
Notes of Feb. 16, acct. macadamizing Main st., (payable \$500 yearly.)	4,000 00
Notes of Feb. 16, acct. Middle street school house, (payable \$500 yearly.)	3,000 00
Accrued Interest,	76 50
Outstanding bills, (estimated)	425 00
Outstanding orders,	179 00
	<u>\$13,680 50</u>

ASSETS.

Due from State, State and Milit'y Aid,	\$ 929 74
“ “ Inspector of Cattle,	25 00
“ “ Moses Blotner,	41 33
“ Mrs. Alfred Nichols, sidewalk,	16 50
“ Citizens Street Railway,	8 82
“ Ipswich, Benjamin Whitter,	98 45
“ Haverhill, Lyman Davis and Etta C. Heyward,	43 84
“ Michael Doyle,	15 00
Uncollected taxes, W. C. Russell,	524 51
Uncollected taxes, J. S. Clement,	4,756 56
Cash on hand,	369 34
	<u>\$6,829 09</u>
Debt, February 1, 1901,	6,851 41
	<u>\$13,680 50</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Collectors, Selectmen, and Treasurer of the Town of Merrimac for the year ending January 31, 1901, and find vouchers for all orders drawn by the Selectmen and for payments made by the Treasurer.

Balance due on orders of last year,	\$ 135 00
Total orders drawn this year,	<u>55,546 65</u>
	<u>\$ 55,681 65</u>

The Treasurer has paid	
Orders of last year,	\$ 135 00
Orders of this year,	<u>55,367 65</u>
	\$ 55,502 65

Balance, orders not in,	
No. 242,	\$ 1 40
No. 425,	8 50
No. 440,	125 00
No. 474,	60
No. 487,	38 00
No. 496,	<u>5 50</u>
	179 00
	<u>\$ 55,681 65</u>

MILFORD EDWARDS, Auditor.

Merrimac, February 19, 1901.

RECAPITULATION.

Department.	Appropriation.	Rec'd from Other Sources.	Expended.	Unexpen'd.	Overdr'n.
Schools, Sup't of Schools, Transporting Pupils,	\$ 8,650 00 350 00 500 00	State, Account Supt. 625 00 Mass. School Fund, 404 78 Dog Tax, 102 84 Tuckwell for apples, 2 00 Due and rec'd from state, cities, towns, 457 36 Due from M. Doyle, 15 00 Rec'd from R. Farrar, 2 85	\$ 10,634 62		
Poor Department,	2,600 00	Due from Cit. St. Ry. 8 82 Rec'd and due from Abutters, 108 88	3,255 98	60 14	180 77
Fire Department, Highways, Sidewalks,	1,800 00 2,000 00 200 00		1,831 57 1,948 68 324 93		31 57 16 05
Cutting down Main st. Sidewalk, Railing at Port, Street Lights, Public Library, Interest.	300 00 300 00 600 00 500 00 250 00		419 18 295 68 692 80 500 00 437 39	4 32	119 18 92 80
Discount on Taxes, Town Officers,	700 00 1,600 00	Due from State, acct. Cattle Com'r., 25 00	786 63 1,566 34	58 66	187 39 86 63
Miscellaneous, Macadamizing Main st., Snow and Washouts, Court Fees, Middle st. School House. Memorial Day,	600 00 No Approp'n. No Approp'n. No Approp'n. No Approp'n. 75 00	G. W. Cate, 35 00	630 67 4,135 36 266 36 32 09 3,000 00 75 00	2 91	30 67
Total,	21,025 00	1,787 53	30,833 28	126 03	745 06

